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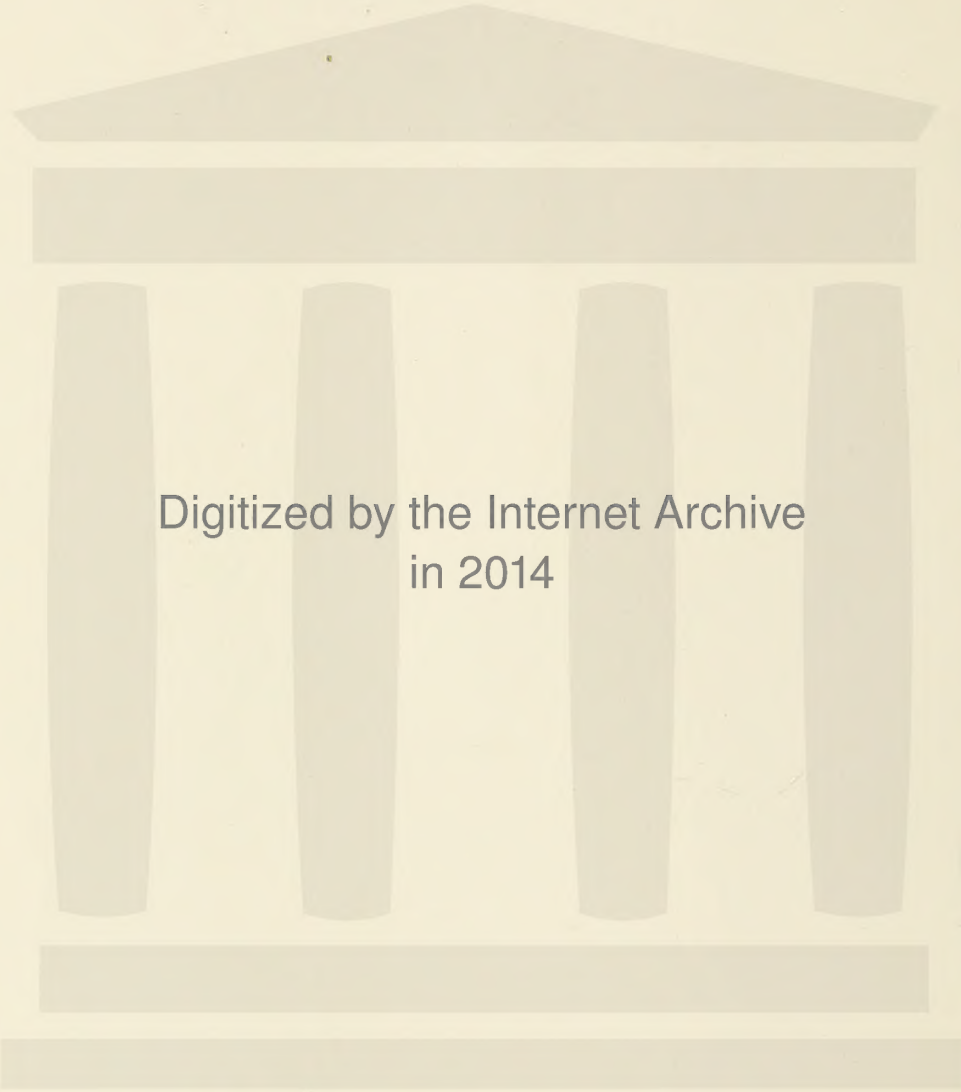
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A CONTRIBUTION TO THE ZOÖGEOGRAPHY OF THE EAST INDIAN ISLANDS.¹

INTRODUCTION.

During 1906–1907 I visited the East Indies. A short preliminary account of the trip, with notices of some new species, was published in the Bulletin of this Museum (Bull. M. C. Z., 1908, **51**, p. 313–325). The descriptions of other new species based wholly or in part on the material collected have appeared in the Proceedings of the Biological society of Washington, 1908, **21**, p. 39–42, 189–190; 1910, **23**, p. 89–90, p. 169–170; 1911, **24**, p. 15–22. The present paper deals more fully with the collections of reptiles and amphibians.

NARRATIVE AND ITINERARY.

It is hardly necessary to give more than a brief outline of the early part of the voyage. Bombay was reached November 2, 1906, *via* Peninsula and Oriental S. S. Co. ships from Brindisi, *via* Port Said and Aden. A short time was spent in crossing India, visiting the hills about Darjeeling, the Teesta Valley, and the Sunderbans of Lower Bengal. Rangoon was reached by the ship *Bharata* belonging to the British India Steam Navigation Company. Visits to Mandalay and Bhamo, at the head of navigation on the Irawady River, with short collecting trips to one or two other localities, completed the work done in Burma. Another ship of the same line was taken to Singapore *via* Penang.

In Singapore I was fortunate enough to find a Chinese boy, Ah Woo by name, who became a most faithful servant and a very skilful collector. His slight knowledge of English, added to a fluency in Malay, made him often helpful as an interpreter, and even at times as a teacher. The Malay language as spoken in the bazaars is not difficult, and a knowledge of sentence formation once gained, proficiency in the language involves only the memorizing of a vocabulary.

Work in the East Indies began with collecting for a few days about Batavia,

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whence we proceeded to Buitenzorg. Here I had the assistance of many influential persons, by whose aid several excellent Javanese helpers were got. These men were especially useful from the fact that either they had been on the *Siboga* expedition, or had otherwise acquired useful training. After arranging for the collecting and preserving of Javan material, we proceeded by rail to Sourabaya, and boarded there the S. S. *Both* of the Koninklijke Paketvaart Maatschappij. This small steamer was accustomed to make three trips a year through the islands to New Guinea. It is impossible to express adequately my feelings of obligation for the kindness of the officials of the line and the officers of the ship in forwarding our aims. To accommodate our needs the ship was delayed and her regular itinerary changed, but with no word of complaint from any source. The kindness of the chief agent of the Company in Batavia in regard to the whole expense of the trip showed how widespread is the desire to forward the scientific examination of the fauna of these colonies.

In some ports arrangements were made to leave a collector who was to be picked up again on the return trip. In other cases it was possible to arrange with the people to have them assemble material for purchase on our return. In many cases the fact that the ship made calls at a number of near by ports on the same island made it possible to see a large part of some of these various localities. Most of the steaming was done at night, and there were but few days on the voyage, which lasted more than two months, when it was impossible for all hands to be at work ashore, generally with a very large and useful following of local natives. This method of collecting would of course avail little in an intensive study of the fauna of an island as regards a single group of animals, but for the taking of reptiles and amphibians it works very well. Ten people working together will, I think, take more in one day than a single person will take in the same locality in ten days. On the island of Halmahera ten persons worked at six localities for eleven days. On New Guinea stays of one to three days were made at nine localities, as well as a couple of days each at Saonek on the neighboring island of Waigiu, and at the island of Mapia between New Guinea and the Carolines. Thus it was possible to do far more shore collecting than would be possible for a naturalist attached to one of the regular vessels employed in deep sea or other scientific research. Both Malays and Papuans can be taught to collect, and do so eagerly; the pay in the case of the Papuans being tobacco, brass wire cut into short lengths, and red cloth. A popular account of the natives, etc., of the part of New Guinea visited has been published in the *National geographic magazine* for July and August, 1908.

A list of the localities visited follows: —

Buleleng, Bali Island.

Ampenan, Lombok Island.

Makassar, Celebes Island.

Tifu, Buru Island.

Lawui, Obi Island.

Ambon or Amboina Island (town has same name).

Piru and Wahaai, Ceram Island.

Gane, Galela, Tobello, Ake-Selaka, Patani, and Weeda, on Halmahera Island.

Ternate, on island of same name.

Saonek, Waigiu Island.

Manokwari and Humboldt's Bay, mainland of Papua.

Sorong, on a small island barely separated by a narrow strait from Papua. The same may be said of the islands Roon and Djamna. The other Papuan localities were Pom, Wooi, and Ansus, on Jobi; and Meosbundi, on Wiak; both islands lying in Geelvink Bay, New Guinea.

At the time this visit was made to Papua, conditions were quite different from what they are even now. There were in all the vast region only three posts, each with an *Assistant Resident*: — Merauke, in southwest New Guinea; Fak Fak, in western New Guinea; and Manokwari, near Doreh on Geelvink Bay. The three mission stations were in this latter region. At Sorong there was a *Posthouder*, but I have heard that he has been withdrawn. Since this voyage, however, a number of Dutch scientific parties have visited the country; and with the recent increase in the number of voyages of the trading steamer each year, the real primitive Papuan will in time disappear. British Papua, for a long while ably administered, has now a considerable white population of miners, planters, and traders. German New Guinea, or Kaiser Wilhelm's Land, has, if nothing else, a full corps of officials of every sort. This latter region, however, has proved a great disappointment as a colony, from every point of view. Dutch New Guinea, lying nearer the equator than the rest of the island, has a climate rather more unhealthy. It certainly has a vast area of low-lying swampy land. As the white population grows, however, modern knowledge as to the efficacy of drainage in combating malaria will undoubtedly make possible fairly healthy towns along the coast. The English have shown what can be

done at Samarai in southeast Papua, once a deadly locality, now a comparatively liveable town.

So far the commerce with the Dutch section has been only trading with the natives, or a few resident Chinamen for Bird-of-Paradise skins, dammar gum, and forest products, such as wild nutmegs, etc. The bird skins at the rate they are being taken will in time become rare in the accessible regions. The fact that adult males alone are wanted — the inconspicuous females going unharmed and often unknown to the native hunters — accounts for the fact that the bird is still abundant. Its raucous screams may probably still be heard from the porch of the Residency at Manokwari. The Great Bird-of-Paradise (*Paradisaea apoda* Linné), found only in the Aru Islands, is already much diminished in number; and even the nearly related species, (*Paradisaea jobiensis* Rothschild), which is confined to Jobi Island, is also rare, owing to the fact that its plumes are longer and more silky than those of its more common congener, (*Paradisaea minor* Shaw) on the mainland of Papua. The many other species of the Paradiseidae, especially those confined to the inland mountains, are only hunted in a desultory way, and have suffered no diminution of numbers. It is to be hoped that there may be some regulation of this traffic, perhaps a conservative limit set, and only a certain number of skins allowed to be bartered from each village. This would work no injustice to the native, as he buys with his skins only what to him are luxuries. It is probable that such measures would meet with great opposition among the Dutch merchants at Ternate and Makassar. Until some other reason arises for sending a ship to Papua — as, for instance, the starting of rubber plantations — these voyages can only be made to pay by the trade in skins; but this alone now makes the voyage one of the most profitable of any in the Indies.

After the return to Java from the voyage, some time was spent at Buitenzorg in packing the collections, and also in making several short collecting trips to various parts of the island. In this way Sindanglaia, Tjibodas, and other near by villages were visited. At the last-named locality is situated the mountain branch of the Buitenzorg Botanical Gardens. Then Bandoung, Garut, and Djokjakarta were visited, and short trips made in several directions from each town. On the previous trip through the island *en route* to Sourabaya, before sailing to Bali from that port, some collecting was done in east Java. From Buitenzorg our collectors were sent for periods of several weeks each to Sukabumi, Tjibodas, and to localities on the slopes of the volcano Salak. By keeping separate these various collections made at different altitudes, we are

able to throw a little light on the vertical distribution of some of the most prominent components of the fauna, especially the reptiles and amphibians.

A word regarding the collections in some other branches of zoölogy. The series of mammals was small, but contained a single specimen of high interest, the type of a new genus of marsupials of the Peramelidae. It has been called *Suillomeles hispida* Allen & Barbour (Proc. N. E. zoöl. club, 1909, 4, p. 43-46, pl. 2-3). A number of other forms were new to the collections of the Museum. Two specimens of *Proechidna* were added to material already in the Museum, and others have been obtained since. As the Museum now contains skins, specimens in spirits, and complete skeletons, it has an almost unrivalled collection of this interesting form, the anatomy of which is reported by Dr. G. M. Allen (Memoirs M. C. Z., October, 1912, 40, p. 249-307, 2 plates).

Nothing of special interest is to be said regarding the small collection of birds. Series of specimens of *Paradisea jobiensis*, and of *Semioptera halmaherae* were among the more interesting, in that they were previously unrepresented in the Museum's collections.

The fishes are as yet unstudied. The collection, however, contains a few cyprinoids from Lombok. Max Weber (Zool. ergeb., 1894, 3, p. 461) has shown that this is one of the families of fresh-water fishes characteristic of continental Asia which are also known to exist throughout the islands as far as Bali. The discovery that a species of this family occurs in Lombok also, is of interest in connection with the question as to the importance of the Lombok-Bali boundary established by Wallace.

An account of the collection of Echinodermata has been written by Dr. Hubert Lyman Clark (Bull. M. C. Z., 1908, 51, p. 279-311). Miss Mary J. Rathbun has also reported on the decapod Crustacea (Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, 52, p. 305-317, pl. 1-6).

The insects are as yet incompletely sorted; the ethnologic objects are on exhibition in the Peabody Museum of American Archaeology and Ethnology in Cambridge.

In conclusion, my deepest thanks are due, first of all, to Messrs. Alan W. Pim and Frank B. Sherring, of the Indian Civil Service, who aided most kindly and efficiently in making collections over a large part of the trip; to H. E. Lieut. Gen. van Heutz, late Governor-General of Dutch India; to the late Professor M. Treub, Director of Agriculture; to Major P. A. Ouwens, of the Zoölogical museum at Buitenzorg; to Dr. J. C. Koningsberger; and to Dr. P. N. van Kampen, also of the Department of Agriculture. All these gentlemen laid me

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Since writing the previous pages I have received for study a very extensive addition to my Javan material. My friend, Mr. Owen Bryant, in company with Mr. William Palmer, of the United States National Museum, spent somewhat more than a year in western Java, accumulating a large quantity of reptiles and amphibians. These I have been privileged to study, and to retain a series of desired species where duplicates exist, thanks to the kindness of the collector and to the authorities of the United States National Museum. Mr. Bryant's material has made it possible to examine very large numbers of individuals from the same localities, since he spent much time in several of the same places where I collected. I do not believe that it has ever been possible previously to examine so large an amount of Javanese material from a limited region, and with such full data. It is, however, unfortunate that the late receipt of the collection has not made it possible for me to examine it quite as critically as I should have wished to. Nevertheless, I have the data taken from the scale-counts of each snake; and these, with the notes I already had, make it possible to point out, probably with considerable certainty, the exact local average shown by many of the species, and in many cases to indicate the strong probability, or even certainty, of the occurrence in Java of geographic races of some of the continental species.

It is a pleasure to thank Mr. Bryant for making this collection, and also Mr. Ward Shepard for assistance in making notes for me concerning it; and especially, besides, to acknowledge the painstaking care which Mr. E. N. Fischer has expended upon the plates.

Fortunately it has been possible to obtain from the collections of Mr. A. E. Pratt and others some small series of examples which have been of the highest interest. These are in most cases mentioned *passim*.

The collections of the Museum have, of course, been consulted freely, and references have been made to a few of the individuals contained in them. It is unfortunate that time does not permit the inclusion of notes on all the East Indian specimens available for study here. Many of these were brought back by the earlier American voyagers, and were sent by Louis Agassiz to Jan in Milan for identification; others, still, came here in early exchanges from the Paris museum, and were marked as types by A. Aug. Dumeril. While not holotypes in the sense in which the word type is commonly used now, they are undoubtedly a part of the typical series of many of the species described by Dumeril and Bibron in their *Erpetologie général*.

SUMATRA.

The first island to be discussed, with direct regard to the relationships of its reptiles and amphibians, is Sumatra. A few words regarding its physical peculiarities are worth while. The island lies nearer to the Malay Peninsula than any other of the East Indies, the straits of Malacca in many places being less than fifty miles wide. There is a tradition that the lands joined almost within historic times. It is nearly one thousand miles long; and varies in width from between less than one hundred miles in the mountainous district of Atjeh in the north, to about two hundred miles at the region opposite the lower end of the Malay Peninsula. The main trend is from northwest to southeast, and throughout its entire length extends a backbone mountain range, which runs close to the western or Indian Ocean side of the island. This range, it is interesting to notice, is almost exactly parallel to the mountainous backbone of the Malay Peninsula, and to the series of mountainous islands which lie in the Indian Ocean off the coast of Sumatra in a long series, beginning with Simalur at the north and ending with Engaño towards the south. These may indicate corrugations along which foldings of great extent have occurred, but there is no direct evidence at hand on this point.

The configuration and form of the shore-line and bays of the islands off Sumatra, and of Sumatra itself, and more especially the suggestions which one gets from the soundings shown on the chart, lead one to suppose that this has been an area of general subsidence. It seems probable that the island of Simalur was connected with Sumatra by way of the Banjak Archipelago; that Nias was connected directly with Sumatra, quite independently of Simalur; and that the Mentawai Islands were connected together, and with Sumatra, through the

Batu group; making it appear probable that in times past there were three great peninsulas jutting out in three directions from Sumatra, northeastward, eastward, and southeastward; and that, while the origins of these three peninsulas were very close together on the Sumatra shore, still they were not cross-connected with one another. This will be emphasized again when we consider the fauna of these various islands.

The same subsidence which broke up these peninsulas into islands probably separated Sumatra from the mainland.

Werner has suggested that these islands have each different Sumatran species upon them because they each lie opposite the particular ranges within Sumatra for various species; and that their species have thus come to them from just that part of Sumatra lying nearest them. This would suggest that Werner supposes the islands to have received their species by "flotsam and jetsam" methods, which I do not believe. The islands are very incompletely known, and this probably accounts for the discrepancies in the lists of species, which came by the land connections suggested above.

There is good reason to believe, owing to the fact that all the rivers of large size empty either into the straits of Malacca or into the southern part of the China Sea between Sumatra and Borneo, that the island at the present time lies nearer to the Peninsula, to the Riouw and Lingga Archipelagoes, and to the island of Banka, than it did in the recent past. All of this eastern coast region of Sumatra is composed of low, swampy alluvial lands, through which the rivers flow, carrying down the detritus from the mountains in the form of silt, which is constantly being deposited in the deltas of the rivers; and these deltas are also being extended fast by the great fringing zone of mangrove vegetation which lines the shore. The straits themselves are very shallow. This may be considered a recent re-approachment, which may serve to connect the lands again in a short period of time.

The reptiles and amphibians of the island show a very close relationship to those of the nearest mainland. Werner (*Zool. jahrb. Syst.*, 1900, **13**, p. 479-508, pl. 31-35) has arranged a complete list of the herpetologic fauna of the island, which, however, has been considerably changed by the researches of the last ten years. On pages 503-508 he presented some general conclusions regarding the geographical distribution of Sumatran reptiles and amphibians in comparison with those of Ceylon, Borneo, Java, and Celebes. The work itself is useful, but contains a considerable number of statements which may be justly challenged. In the first place, in 1896 Werner (*Verh. Ges. Wien*, 1896, **46**,

p. 13) reported *Lygosoma chalcides* (Linné) from Sumatra. He omitted this form, however, on page 15 of his 1900 list. Then again on p. 499, 500 of the latter list he records *Gekko verticillatus* [= *gecko* (Linné)] from Sumatra; while in the same paper, on page 505, he remarks "Eine sehr interessante Erscheinung ist die Vertretung gewisser Species Sumatras durch verwandte Species auf Java." He places *Gekko stentor* as Sumatran, and *G. verticillatus* as Javan, though both species occur on both islands. *Calotes cristatellus* is not in any way characteristic of Sumatra, though it occurs in his list. *C. jubatus*, on the other hand, has been found in Java, but not yet in Sumatra. There are records for *Enhydrys plumbea* and *E. enhydrys* (which he calls *Hypsirhina*) in both Java and Sumatra. It is entirely possible that Werner has good reason to doubt the accuracy of some of the records which have been published in the past; though I have a letter from Dr. G. A. Boulenger, of the British museum, who tells me that he has recently received specimens of *Calotes cristatellus* from both Java and Sumatra, among other localities; and Flower, in his list of reptiles of the Malay Peninsula (Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1899, p. 603) records both *G. stentor* and *G. verticillatus* from Java, where I also collected both species. On page 504 Werner includes *Typhlops braminus* in his list of species which are known from Java and the Malay Peninsula, but not from Sumatra, even though he has reported it himself, from Sumatra only four pages earlier in the same paper. He remarks, besides, that *Rana tigerina* (spelled *tigrina*) is absent from Sumatra, though it is included by van Kampen in his excellent set of tables (Max Weber's Zool. ergeb., 1907, 4, 2). On page 504 we read, "Sumatra scheint...mit Borneo niemals in Zusammenhang gestanden, sondern seine Reptilien direct aus Malakka erhalten zu haben." While I am very much inclined to believe that this statement is correct, it is nevertheless somewhat difficult to reconcile with it the fact that we know a number of species from either Sumatra and Borneo, or Sumatra, Java, and Borneo, not including the Malay Peninsula.

We may proceed now to consider the composition of the fauna so far as our present knowledge permits. Throughout this paper species of both true sea-snakes and sea-turtles have been omitted. There are twelve species of freshwater turtles, none of them peculiar to the island, and all of them obviously of direct derivation from the Malay Peninsula. The same may be said of the three known species of crocodileans. It is interesting, however, to note that *Tomistoma schlegeli* was not known from Sumatra until 1890, while still more recently it has been added to the fauna of the Malay Peninsula. During the last fifteen years it has been discovered there in a number of different rivers.

Annandale has remarked, however, that it is so rare that, according to the Malay crocodile hunters, there is about one of these to 100 of *Crocodilus porosus*. It is widespread through upper Sumatra.

The lizards are fifty in number, of which eleven — about twenty per cent, are peculiar to the island. Two genera, *Phoxophrys* and *Lophocalotes*, are autogenous.

As having a bearing on the question of the direct relationship of Sumatra with Borneo, the distributions of the following species are of interest:—

Spathoscalobotes mutilatus (Gthr.) occurs in Sumatra, Borneo, and Java.

Draco cornutus Gthr. comes from Sumatra, Borneo, and the Sulu Islands.

Gonycephalus liogaster (Gthr.) has the same distribution.

Mabuya rudis Blgr. occurs in Sumatra, Borneo, and Celebes, as well as in the Mentawai group of islands.

It must be confessed that but little importance is to be given to two of these singular ranges on account of the fact that members of the Gekkonidae and Scincidae are, as is very well known, occasionally carried about accidentally.

There are one hundred and one species of snakes found on Sumatra, eleven of which are not found elsewhere; and it is interesting to note that while these form but about eleven per cent of the total number, or about half the percentage of the lizards that are autochthonous, the number contains four genera peculiar to the island. These are *Anomolochilus*, *Iguanognathus*, *Anoplohydrus*, and *Xenochrophis*. Two species, not remarkably different from each other, are interesting in that they represent a genus which has not been found in the Malay Peninsula, while it is known from west Africa and south China. The genus is represented in Sumatra by *Opisthotrophis rugosa* (van Lidth de Jeude); and in Borneo, by *O. typica* (Mocquard). The monotypic genus *Elapoides* is confined to Sumatra and Java. The species is *E. fuscus* Boie. *Calamaria leucogaster* Bleeker apparently occurs only in Sumatra and Borneo; while *C. sumatrana* Edeling, *C. agamensis* Bleeker, and *C. melanota* (Jan), as well as *Boiga nigriceps* (Gthr.), occur in Sumatra, Borneo, and Java.

Other species have distributions which are of interest:—*Natrix conspicillata* (Gthr.); *Dryophis fasciolatus* (Fischer), from Sumatra, Borneo, and the Natuna Islands; *Lycodon albofuscus* (Dum. & Bibr.), from Sumatra, Nias, and Borneo; *Psammodynastes pictus* (Gthr.), from Sumatra, Riouw, and Borneo; and *Trimeresurus puniceus* (Boie) from Sumatra, Natuna, Borneo, and Java.

It must be admitted that, while Sumatra is the least explored of the Greater Sunda Islands, and while there undoubtedly remains a large number of species

yet to be discovered in the highland areas, still the Malay Peninsula has been very carefully studied during the last few years, and it is strange that there remains such a considerable number of species occurring in Sumatra and Borneo, which are not yet known in Malacca.

Since Werner's paper appeared, van Kampen has published his complete tables of distribution for the Amphibia throughout the Indian Archipelago, as well as two other papers of importance, all showing what remarkable forms have lain unknown for a long time on the islands. In 1905 van Kampen described *Dyscophina volzi* (Zool. jahrb. Syst., 1905, 22, p. 708-10, pl. 26). This is a representative of that small compact family, the Dyscophiidae, nearly all of which occur in Madagascar; the first known exception was the genus *Calluella*, which is Burmese. Van Kampen's form was described only a year after Boulenger made known *Colpoglossus brooksi*, a new genus and species of the same family from Borneo. These animals are difficult to find, owing to their burrowing habits. The way in which they have remained long undiscovered in a locality which has been well studied reminds one of the fact that the North American discoglossoid *Ascapheus truei* of Stejneger is still known by the type alone; and that the recently discovered *Kaloula verrucosa* Blgr., found only a few years ago in Yunnan, has been found still more recently in the province of Shantung.

Of fifty species of amphibians known from the island of Sumatra, seven, or fourteen per cent, seem to be peculiar to it. Van Kampen reports both *Megalophrys montana* and *M. nasuta* from Sumatra, though in Werner's comparative list, which we have spoken of before, the latter only is mentioned as being Sumatran, the former being Javan. Werner also includes *M. hasselti* in his list of species occurring in Java and Malacca, but not in Sumatra. Van Kampen, on the other hand, has *M. hasselti* from several definite localities in Sumatra, as well as in the Philippines, Borneo, and Java.

There remains to be mentioned Werner's record of *Rana novae-britanniae* Werner, which has the very improbable distribution of Sumatra and the Bismarck Archipelago. It seems unlikely that this can be explained by suggesting accidental transportation. Perhaps it is more likely to be a case of convergence, where some similar form has by chance grown so like another as to be indistinguishable; but a misplaced label often is to blame for this sort of anomaly.

Rana hosii Blgr. occurs on Sumatra, Borneo, and Java, but not in the Malay Peninsula. *Polypedates colletti* (Blgr.) has the same distribution, likewise *P. otilophus* (Blgr.), except that the former occurs also in Natuna; these two species do not, however, occur in Java.

Two species of *Nectes*, *N. pleurotaenia* van Kampen, and *N. weneri* van Kampen, are confined to Sumatra and Borneo.

To sum up, then, we may say that the portion of the fauna of Sumatra under discussion shows nothing but a direct Malayan derivation, unless we except *Dyscophina*, whose ancestors may have died out, or are as yet undiscovered in Malacca. It has already been noted that those small islands which lie in the Indian Ocean off the coast of Sumatra, whose fauna has been derived directly from Sumatra, have not each of them the same common Sumatran species; and Werner has remarked that this is probably due to the fact that they have received their species by transportation from the nearest adjacent part of the larger island; and that one island may have received one typical Sumatran species, and another island another, simply because these species were confined to the particular parts of Sumatra which lay opposite the various islands. This I hold to be improbable. He goes on to note how ridiculous it is simply to record Sumatra without further data in keeping locality records of species collected on the island; for he assumes, with excellent reason, that probably many of the characteristic species are closely confined to certain areas on the island. Concerning this we have as yet very limited data; enough, however, to prove that it is probable.

Van Kampen has remarked, in a paper on the amphibians of Sumatra (*Zool. jahrb. Syst.*, 1905, **22**, p. 714-15), that there is no evidence whatever to be drawn from the distribution of Amphibia to show that there has been a connection between Java and farther India — through the Mentawai and Nicobar Islands — without connection with Sumatra. It may be remarked that the reptiles also bear out this statement; furthermore, as will be shown in the remarks on Java, Sumatra seems to have provided that island with the larger share of its Malayan forms — with the larger share of all its forms, in fact. There may have been a bridge of short duration between Borneo and Sumatra by way of the islands of Billeton and Banka, for it is to be noticed, that if the main mountain chain of Borneo were projected towards the southwest, it would reach and merge with the low mountains existing on these two islands, which lie directly between Borneo and Sumatra. The evidence, however, so far as the reptiles and amphibians go, is very far from being convincing.

NIAS.

Closely related to the problems connected with the herpetology of Sumatra, are those of the islands lying near by in the Indian Ocean. We have data re-

garding the herpetology of three of these. They are Nias, Engaño, and one of the Mentawai Archipelago.

In 1885 J. G. Fischer reported on a small collection of reptiles and amphibians from Nias (Abh. Naturw. ver. Hamburg, 1885, 9, 1, p. 3-9, 1 taf.). Four years later E. Modigliani contributed a fuller list with a bibliography (Ann. Mus. civ. Gen., 1889, ser. 2, 7, p. 113-124, tav. 1). Finally, van Lidth de Jeude described a collection of sixteen reptiles, three of which were new to Nias, and added a further bibliography (Notes Leyden mus., 1890, 12, p. 253-256). These three papers between them cover fully our knowledge of the local cold-blooded land vertebrates.

The island itself is not a large one, being only about seventy miles in greatest length by from twenty to thirty miles wide. It is about fifty miles distant from the nearest point of the Sumatran coast, and the charts show that it is more or less mountainous throughout. The strait does not show any great depth of water, though the soundings are few. These run from 20 to 47 fathoms, while in one spot we find 50 (*i. e.* no bottom at fifty). North and south of the island there are considerable depths of water, 376 fathoms just south between Nias and the Batu Islands, and 335 fathoms to the north, near the Banjak group. So it is very probable that the connection of this island with Sumatra has been direct and not through other islands lying either to the north or south of it.

The reptiles and amphibians are purely Sumatran; there is one fresh-water turtle. Fourteen lizards occur, of which one, *Aphaniotis acutirostris* Modigliani, is known only from Sumatra, Nias, and Mentawai; all of the others occur elsewhere as well as in Sumatra. Snakes on Nias are more abundant in number of species than either of the other groups of reptiles. There are no less than thirty-two species recorded, all of which except two occur in Sumatra. Three species are, so far as we know, confined to Sumatra and Nias. They are *Oligodon trilineatus* (Dum. & Bibr.), *Calamaria stahlknechti* Stoliczka, and *Enhydris albomaculata* (Dum. & Bibr.). The two species which occur in Nias and elsewhere, but have not yet been found in Sumatra, are *Calamaria lumbricoidea* Boie and *Haplopeltura boa* (Boie). These will probably be found in Sumatra when we know the island more thoroughly. The former species is known from Nias and Java; the latter from the Malay Peninsula, the Philippines, Nias, Borneo, and Java.

Nine amphibians occur upon the island, among them the burrowing *Ichthyophis glutinosus* (Linné), *Bufo claviger* Peters, which is confined to Nias and Sumatra, the small and delicate *Microhyla achatina* (Boie), and other species

certainly not transported fortuitously. The fact that there are no species strictly peculiar to the island, and that these delicate subterranean amphibians are found upon it, proves conclusively that we can not consider Nias as an oceanic island, but that it has derived its fauna directly from that part of Sumatra which lies directly opposite to it — that is, between the equator and the second parallel of north latitude — by a land bridge, and not, as has been suggested, by accidental transport.

MENTAWEI ISLANDS.

This group consists of the little-known island of Siberut in the north, and southward, Sipora and North and South Pagi. These four islands are all hilly, and are separated from Sumatra by deep water; one sounding of 835 fms., others of 640–350 fms., occurring on the charts published as Plate 7 of the atlas of the *Valdivia* report. North of Siberut the water is very shallow. According to the Dutch Hydrographic Bureau charts, a ridge extending to Tanahbala is covered by from 6 to 26 fms. only; the *Valdivia* chart, however, shows one sounding of 150 fms. Inside this ridge towards Sumatra there is a sounding of 417 fms., and outside, one of 206 fms. Tanahbala, Tanahmasa, and Pini Islands, the largest of the Batu Archipelago, are low-lying, and are separated from each other and from Sumatra by water only 12–26 fms. deep. An earlier connection, then, of the Mentawai Islands with one another is rendered highly probable by the hydrographic data.

We know the herpetology of but one of these islands, Sipora (also called Sereinu). In 1894 Boulenger (Ann. Mus. civ. Gen., 1894, ser. 2, **14**, p. 613–618) reported on a collection made by the Italian naturalist Modigliani.

The same single fresh-water turtle which occurs on Nias is found also on Sipora. The lizards are twelve in number; of these, two, *Sphenomorphus modigliani* (Blgr.), and *Leiolepisma vittigerum* (Blgr.), have hitherto been found only on this island. The fact that this island is perhaps more isolated from Sumatra than is Nias may account for these two autogenous species of lizards, while Nias has none. It is very possible, however, that they will ultimately be found on Nias and Sumatra.

One lizard, *Gonatodes kandianus*, has a most strange distribution. It is found in India and Ceylon and in all the Sumatran coast islands as yet herpetologically explored,— Nias, Sipora, Engaño,— but it has not as yet been found in Sumatra. This form may or may not exist in Sumatra; it probably does, though as yet unknown.

The snakes in this case do not outnumber the lizards in multiplicity of species as they do on Nias. This, again, is undoubtedly due simply to the fact that we do not know the island thoroughly. There are eleven species known, none of which are peculiar to the island, nor are any of them otherwise of particular interest.

The amphibians, as with Nias, simply serve to emphasize the close Sumatran affinity of the fauna. It is interesting to note the presence again of *Ichthyophis glutinosus*. Four species of amphibians — namely, *Polypedates appendiculatus*, *P. pardalis*, *Calophrynus punctatus*, and *Nectophryne guentheri* — are all known from Sipora, but as yet none has been found in Sumatra. These forms are all known either from the mainland, or from Borneo and the Philippines; and it is almost certain that future investigation will show that they occur on Sumatra as well. Van Kampen has pointed out that three of the Sumatran frogs, viz. — *Rana nicobariensis*, *R. labialis*, and *R. microdisca*, were all known from small islands about Sumatra before they were found on the great island itself. It is remarkable that no *Philautus* (*Ixalus*) has been found on any of these islands off the coast of Sumatra or upon Sumatra itself, for we should suppose from the distribution of the genus that it would have been found there long ago. It is hardly conceivable that it does not occur. Its absence from the islands off the coast would surely seem to emphasize the fact that they have not served as a bridge between the mainland and Java, as has been suggested by some writers.

It is most unfortunate that no data are as yet available regarding the faunae of either Siberut or of the two Pagi Islands; and it is still more unfortunate that there are not sufficient soundings to establish definitely the presence or absence of a ridge connecting Mega with Engaño Island. Mega seems to lie on an extension of the same great submarine hook of which the Mentawai Islands are simply the parts remaining above the surface of the water.

ENGAÑO.

The single small island of Engaño occupies the most isolated position of any of the islets off the Sumatran coast, for it is distant over a hundred miles from Mega, which may be considered the southernmost of the Mentawai group; the nearest point on the shore of Sumatra itself is distant about sixty miles. The island would appear to be similar in its physical characteristics to the ones which we have been discussing, though it is considerably smaller than Sipora, and far less in size than Nias. It is about twenty miles in length by ten to twelve in width. Unfortunately the soundings on the Dutch chart and on the

map published in the report of the *Valdivia* expedition are mostly in places where they are of very little interest to us. Southeast of Engaño there are two soundings, one of 1,104, the other of 732 fms.; to the northwest a single sounding of 637 fms. is given; and northward in the Indian Ocean a depth of 2,744 fms. occurs. In a direct line between Engaño and the mainland of Sumatra, and between Engaño and Mega, no soundings have been made.

We know of the herpetology of the island through the collection of Elio Modigliani, which were reported upon in 1892 by Vinciguerra (Ann. Mus. civ. Gen., ser. 2, 12, p. 517-526).

A single fresh-water turtle, *Cyclemys ambonensis* (Daudin), is known. This is interesting, as in the other islands the single known fresh-water turtle is *Cyclemys dhor* (Gray). Assuming that the identifications are correct, and that there is only a single species on each island, this may prove to be an ultimate clue to a different origin for the fauna of Engaño from those of the other islands.

Of the lizards, *Gymnodactylus marmoratus* (Dum. & Bibr.) occurs in Sumatra and Engaño, as well as elsewhere, though it does not occur on either Nias or Sipora. *Lepidodactylus ceylonensis* Blgr. has been found in Ceylon, Borneo, Java, and Engaño. *Draco modiglianii* Vinciguerra is peculiar to the island. *Siaphos relictum* (Vinciguerra) is known only from Sipora and Engaño. Altogether about nine species of lizards have been reported, less than from the other islands; but whether this is because it has been less carefully studied, is a question which only time will answer.

Among the snakes, *Elaphe enganensis* (Vinciguerra) is peculiar to the island, and only two other species have been recorded — one the free-swimming *Hurria rhynchops* (Schneider), the other the tree-snake, *Psammodynastes pulverulentus* (Boie).

I find in van Kampen's records but two amphibians, *Rana macrodon* Dum. & Bibr., and *R. nicobariensis* (Stoliczka).

From the above it is evident that the facies of this fauna is quite distinct from that of either Nias or Sipora. Whether this is due to a longer isolation, or to our incomplete knowledge, it is impossible to say; and whether future soundings will develop closer relationship with the southern Mentawai Islands or with Sumatra itself, is a point of great interest. There is, of course, a possibility that this island never has been connected with the mainland, though the fauna, as we know it now, contains several species which it would be very strange to find on an oceanic island. The mere fact of the existence of a deep channel between Engaño and Sumatra, would not, however, necessarily pre-

clude the possibility of a bridge having existed in the past between these two islands. Many similar cases are known at the present time where a recent land bridge has disappeared leaving a very deep channel. (Cf. Suess, *Natural science*, 1893, 2, p. 180-187).

JAVA.

Although we have not had within recent years a complete list, based on a large amount of material, giving us an up-to-date knowledge of the Javan reptiles and amphibians, still we have a multitude of data from many sources, so that we may say that Java is the most completely known of any one of the East Indies. Since the earliest times, when Kuhl, Boie, Bleeker, Schlegel, Edeling, and other Dutch naturalists began describing species, Java has attracted a host of naturalists, even to the present time, largely on account of its botanical gardens, the most beautiful and famous in the world. Many of these naturalists have made collections, so that the region about Batavia and Buitenzorg is the type locality for more East Indian species than any other. This is the region whence came most of the forms described by Boie in *Isis*, 1827. It is also one of the few islands where we have data regarding the vertical distribution of species, as well as the limits of their range within the island itself. In spite of the fact that it supports an enormous population — about thirty-five millions of people — and that it is only about the size of the state of New York, being about 550 miles long and from 60 to 120 miles wide, Java has considerable areas of wooded lowland, quite uncultivated, and many of the mountain slopes are covered with splendid forests of marvellous tropical luxuriance, so that, contrary to what one might suppose, reptiles are very plentiful upon the island. In the systematic account of collections we made there, notes are included which have a bearing on local distribution, as well as something regarding relative abundance.

With so considerable a literature, it would be strange if erroneous records had not crept in; it is not strange, then, that in 1900 Werner wrote: "Was Java anbelangt, so hat diese Insel im Vergleich zu Sumatra schon ganz deutliche Anklänge an die Fauna der Molukken und theilweise sogar Papuasians aufzuweisen; *Draco lineatus*, *Lophura amboinensis*, *Tiliqua gigas*, *Cornufer corrugatus* sind Beispiele hierfür."

Now, the mere fact that none of these species occurs on the Lesser Sunda Islands is sufficient to show that there is something wrong with the records. In the first place, it had long been supposed that *Draco lineatus* occurred upon

Celebes, but Boulenger (Proc. Zool. soc. Lond., 1897, p. 206) has shown that the specimens referred to that species by Peters and Doria, Müller, and others, in reality belong to *Draco spilonotus* Gthr., while the specimens that have been referred to *D. volans* and *D. maculatus* should probably be referred to *D. beccarii* Peters and Doria. The Javanese record for *D. lineatus* is also undoubtedly a case of mistaken identity. Neither Dr. Stejneger nor I have been able to find the authority for the occurrence of *Hydrosaurus* (*Lophura*) on Java. It certainly is not known there either by the natives or resident Dutch naturalists, for I remember well the interest which the unpacking of some of my specimens from the Moluccas aroused in the natives about Buitenzorg and Batavia. The record for *Tiliqua gigas* is based on a specimen in the Berlin museum examined by Boulenger (Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1887, 3, p. 145), and said to have come from Bantam. Of course, if this specimen ever came from Bantam, it was simply one which had been brought there by some Malay *prau* trading from the Moluccas. Years ago a considerable commerce went on in all sorts of live beasts, which ultimately found their way to the Sunda Straits, where in years gone by they were often bought and brought to Europe by the ships which at that time stopped there regularly for wood, water, and fresh provisions. Live specimens of this giant scinc are often captured and sold. The record for *Cornufer corrugatus* in Java was wisely questioned by Boulenger (Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 110). It is needless to add that the original report was never substantiated. Recently van Kampen has shown that *Hyla dolichopsis* (Cope) turns up occasionally in the Botanical Gardens, accidentally brought in with specimens from Papuasias. This disposes of the last of the Papuan species supposed to occur in Java.

The fauna is purely Malayan, for the most part, probably wholly, derived through Sumatra, the total number of species being much less than in Sumatra, and curiously enough containing surprisingly few peculiar forms. The other element in the biota, so well known and so often discussed, is the presence of Malayan species which occur on the mainland, but not on either Sumatra or Borneo. Van Kampen has remarked that the number of these species will probably grow smaller, with which I concur; but there is a surprising number of such species now, including some mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians. *Megalophrys hasselti*, however, has been found on Sumatra recently, thus reducing this list by one species.

Of these mainland forms, *Crocodilus siamensis* Schneider, a rare species everywhere, has been reported from Siam, Cochin China, and Java. The last

record is based on an example in the Senckenburg museum at Frankfurt on the Main. Werner (Zool. jahrb. Syst., 1900, 13, p. 504) does not doubt the accuracy as to the locality in view of the rarity of this species on the mainland, and the fact that we know so little of the estuarine fauna of all the islands. He emphasizes the fact that *Tomistoma* long existed undiscovered in both Sumatra and Malay, and even suggests that the Malayan Gharial may exist in Java. I must confess to a scepticism regarding the correctness of the data of the Frankfort specimen. Werner may be correct, but if so, why is the crocodile not quite as likely to occur in Sumatra, though as yet undiscovered? *Geoclemys subtrijuga* (Schlegel and Müller), the conspicuous and generally common *Natrix piscator* (Schneider), the showy rat-snake *Ptyas mucosus* (Linné), so often common about dwellings, and *Dryophis xanthozona* Boie, are all species known both from Java and the mainland, and one would suppose that they would be among the earliest to be discovered on Sumatra; but, so far as we now know, they do not occur there. *Agkistrodon rhodostoma* (Boie) has long been known from Java, and for years it was included in the Siamese fauna on the basis of a single specimen, said to be from Siam, preserved in the British museum. Within the last few years Messrs. Annandale and Robinson during their exploration of the Malay Straits discovered that it was quite plentiful in certain localities in the Malay Peninsula. (Cf. Boulenger in Fasciculi Malayensis, 1903, 1, p. 170-171.) It is hardly less surprising that this conspicuous snake should have been so long undiscovered in the Malay Peninsula than it would be if other species, equally conspicuous, should perhaps be still undiscovered in Sumatra — this species among them. The presence of *Rhinoceros sundaicus*, though comparable to that of *Agkistrodon*, is even more difficult to explain. The Sumatran rhinoceros, *R. sumatranus*, is well known, and occurs also on the mainland. It is difficult to believe that of two species of rhinoceros existing in Sumatra, only one should have been discovered up to now. Still this is probably the case, for we know as yet very little definitely regarding the various Malayan species of rhinoceros (see Flower, Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1900, p. 366-8). The cases of *Tragulus stanleyanus*, *Viverricula malaccensis*, and *Helictus orientalis*, all of which have been noted by van Kampen as having the same discontinuous distribution, may be considered as instances where specimens from the different localities would not be considered as identical species were plenty of modern material in hand for comparison; besides, their close relatives may easily exist in the highlands of Sumatra, which are as yet unexplored. *Tragulus stanleyanus*, I have been recently informed by Mr. G. S. Miller Jr., is a species certainly confined to the

Malay Peninsula or a near by island. The type is old, without definite locality and it cannot as now restricted be identified certainly with any particular species. One thing is certain, van Kampen was wrong in suggesting that the species ever came from Java.

Java has but six fresh-water turtles, considerably fewer than either Borneo or Sumatra.

There are thirty-one lizards known, but not a single one of these is of a genus not found elsewhere. Two genera, however, have the same distribution as the ophidian genus *Elapoides*. They are *Harpesaurus*, with one species each in Java and Sumatra,—*H. tricinatus* (A. Dum.), and *H. beccarii* Doria,—and *Dendragama*, also with one species each in Java and Sumatra, namely, *D. fruhstorferi* Boettger, and *D. boulengeri* Doria. The two Javan species seem to be confined in their distribution to that part of Java lying nearest to Sumatra. Whether this is significant or not, it is difficult to say, as this happens to be the part of Java which we know better than any other.

Regarding *Varanus nebulosus* (Gray), Werner says: “fundort ‘Java’ sicher, Belegexemplar in Wiener Hofmuseum.” In spite of this certainty, it is most probable that the locality of the specimen is incorrect, as it is known to be a wide-ranging, not uncommon form over much of southeastern Asia. Only two species besides the two spoken of above are peculiar to the island, in all only about twelve per cent.

The snakes are sixty-five in number, of which seven or eight (about eleven per cent) are peculiar to the island. As with the lizards, there is no autogenous genus. It is important to note the presence of the genus *Pseudoxeonodon*, with two peculiar species on the island, while no other congeneric form is known throughout the whole archipelago. *Oligodon bitorquatus* Boie has been reported from Ambon on the assumption that *Rabdosoma amboinense* Bleeker was a synonym of this species. There is probably no doubt with regard to its being identical; but, like so very many of Bleeker’s records of localities for reptiles, it was in all probability based upon a Javan specimen, which in some way or other was credited to Ambon. This shuffling about of reptile localities was very characteristic of Bleeker’s herpetological work, and it is obviously unsafe to place any reliance whatever upon them. It is quite impossible to conceive of a species being confined to Java and Ambon.

Regarding the occurrence of *Brachyorrhus albus* (Linné) in Java, it is probable that the case is similar to that of the preceding species. Schlegel (*Essai phys. Serp.*, 1837, 2, p. 33–35) reports it as being excessively rare in Java,

whence the early voyagers sent a few specimens. It has never been found there since; and as Boie and Kuhl both collected in the best known part of the island, that is about Batavia and Buitenzorg, it is almost certain that the specimens which they sent home came from the Moluccas, probably either Ternate or Ambon, and not from Java at all, else it would have been found there within the last half century.

Of the amphibians, nine of the thirty-four species,* or about twenty-seven per cent, are peculiar. There is here also a genus *Nyctixalus*, with a single species not found elsewhere. The presence of *Philautus* (*Ixalus*) itself, with two species peculiar to the island, has been spoken of elsewhere in remarking their absence from Sumatra and the Mentawai Islands. *Rana grunniens* Daud. has been reported from Java and Ambon, another example of what happened in the days when these were the only two localities frequently visited by naturalists, and when collections were not kept separate as to locality with the care which is considered requisite at the present time.

In conclusion, then, we may say that the entire herpetologic fauna of Java is as purely Malayan as is that of Sumatra or of Borneo, and that evidence is wanting at the present time which will help us to explain the presence of a large and important series of species which are common to Java and the Malay Peninsula, but are not found in either Borneo or Sumatra. Whether a land connection did once exist, perhaps through Banka and Billeton, is a question which can be settled, if at all, only by the careful study of the herpetology of these two islands, which has not yet been made. It seems really more probable that our incomplete knowledge of the fauna of Sumatra is to blame for this most anomalous condition.

BORNEO.

Borneo, larger than Sumatra, in fact the largest of all the East Indies with the exception of New Guinea, has a reptilian fauna as truly Malayan as any of the other islands, though the amphibians show some rather anomalous conditions.

Robert Shelford in 1901 (*Journ. Str. Br. roy. Asiat. soc.*, 1901, p. 43-68) published a list of the reptiles known to occur upon Borneo, not including the islands zoögeographically dependent from it, such as the Natuna and Palawan groups of islands. In this list, which we may use about as it stands, he has omitted the record of *Macropisthodon rhodomelas* (Boie), which Flower recorded from Borneo (*Proc. Zool. soc. London*, 1899, p. 605); on the other hand, he has

recorded two species of tortoises, *Orlitia borneensis* Gray and *Brookeia baileyi* (Bartlett), both of which together with *Liemys inornata* Blgr., must be considered as really representing only one species, *Orlitia borneensis* Gray.

His list shows a total of 212 species, of which sixty-four are peculiar to the island; while the table which I have prepared (see p. 169–203) show 207 Bornean species, of which sixty-five are peculiar to the island; so that, as will be seen, our results are very close. The fact that only small changes have been made necessary during the last decade would seem to indicate that our knowledge of the fauna of Borneo is approaching completion.

In 1895 Robert Bartlett published a list of the reptiles of Borneo in the Sarawak gazette, 25. This list I have been unable to consult, and so I have been unable even to estimate the validity of some of the species which he proposed; *e. g.* his *Lygosoma kinabaluensis* I know only by name, and I am unable to discover anything regarding its identity, as Shelford, for one, omits all reference to it.

To sum up these species in the same way as we have done for other islands, we find fifteen fresh-water tortoises, none of which are peculiar to the island, and two crocodileans, the wide-ranging *C. porosus* and *Tomistoma schlegelii*, of which we have spoken before. The lizards are seventy-six in number, of which thirty species, or forty per cent, are confined to Borneo. *Lanthanotus* restricted to Borneo, as has been so satisfactorily pointed out by Boulenger, has its nearest relatives in the two species of *Heloderma* occurring in southwestern United States and Mexico. This form is probably fast dying out, as its relatives have in the past died out over most of the rest of the world; the species is now so rare that we know of only two specimens, one in the museum at Kuching, Sarawak, and the other, the original type, in Vienna.

It is very interesting to note in Borneo the presence of two species of *Japalura*, one, *J. ornata* confined to Borneo itself, the other, *J. nigrilabris*, known only from Borneo and the Natuna Islands. These are the only species of this genus which occur amongst the East Indian Islands, though of course, as is well known, there are other forms which are peculiar to Formosa, to the Riu Kiu Islands, and Botel Tobago. On the mainland the genus has a range from the Himalayas and eastern Bengal through Assam to west China. No species is known from the Malay Peninsula.

Of the snakes there are 116 species, of which thirty-five species, or thirty per cent, are not found elsewhere. The four genera, *Hydrablabes*, *Lepturophis*, *Oreocalamus*, and *Idiopholis* occur nowhere else. Another genus, *Agrophis*,

is of great interest in that it affords the only case in herpetology of species showing close relationship between Borneo and Celebes. The genus is known from two species only, one on each island. This impossible condition is, of course, only explicable if we consider that the species must either occur elsewhere undiscovered or else have previously been of wider range and died out everywhere except upon these two islands. As both Borneo and Celebes share each a considerable number of species with the Philippines, it may be that upon this common ground *Agrophis* occurs, or may have occurred, in the past. *Gonyophis margaritatus* is known from the Malay Peninsula and Borneo only, as is also the genus *Aeluroscalabotes* among lizards.

The amphibians are more unlike those which we know from the Malay Peninsula than are the reptiles. The number occurring on Borneo is very great. Van Kampen in his tables gives seventy-eight species, a far greater number than is known from any other island. The peculiar genera are *Oreobatrachus* and *Colpoglossus*, the latter a monotypic genus of *Dyscophidae*, the former a monotypic genus of *Ranidae*, confined as far as known to Mt. Kina Balu. Species of *Calophrynus* and *Nectophryne* occur, both of these genera having widely discontinuous distributions. It seems probable that when they are revised on anatomical grounds, they will be found related, though probably perfectly easily separated. It seems hardly possible for a genus to occur in Africa and in the East Indies and still maintain its generic unity, when it has probably slowly disappeared from the enormous region lying in between.

Borneo resembles the rest of the Greater Sunda Islands in the absence of *Hylidae*; but shares with New Guinea the engystomatid genus *Chaperina*, the species *C. fusca* being recorded from both Borneo and Papua, but as yet undiscovered on the islands that lie between, though three other congeneric species occur upon New Guinea itself. Van Kampen has published some notes of interest on the probable dispersal in the past of the members of this family, and especially regarding their astonishing abundance on New Guinea (*cf.* remarks on van Kampen's papers under "New Guinea"). The presence of *Cornufer* on Mt. Kina Balu (*C. baluensis*) is of interest as being a close parallel to the distribution of *Chaperina*, except that *Cornufer corrugatus* has been recorded from the Philippines.

Of the seventy-eight amphibians mentioned as occurring on the island, thirty species, or twenty-nine per cent, are peculiar to Borneo. Before closing, it may be of interest to mention the fact that *Rana everetti* occurs on Borneo, Celebes, and the Philippines, thus having such a distribution as we might have

supposed the ophidian genus *Agrophis* had, while *Rana baramica* is confined to Borneo and Banka.

There does not seem to be any reason to suppose that Borneo has been connected with the Lesser Sunda chain as has Celebes. The Papuan element in the fauna may well have been derived from the Moluccas through connections which included some of the southern Philippines.

LESSER SUNDA ISLANDS.

In this group may be included the islands from Bali to Timor, or rather such of them as we have data concerning. Collections have been reported on from comparatively few of the islands; therefore the presence of many characteristic forms on one island, and their absence on another near by, show at once how very incomplete our knowledge still is of all these islands, except Timor, which has been more or less studied and collected upon by both Dutch and Portuguese naturalists for many years. The islands of which we know something, as to the herpetology, are Lombok, Flores, Ombai (or Alor), Sumba, and Timor; the islands of Savu, Sema, and Roti, close to Timor, are also partially known. The great island of Sumbawa is absolutely a *terra incognita*, as is also the important island of Bali, of which we have only one or two records of common wide-ranging species. The smaller islands of Adonara, Lombok, Pandi, Kambing, and Wetter, are herpetologically entirely unexplored.

With the exception of Timor, none of these islands shows any startling conditions which would serve to separate it from the others zoologically. Their fauna is almost exclusively Malayan, and there is no evidence whatever on the herpetological side in support of the existence of what is known as Wallace's Line between Bali and Lombok. There is a distinct Australasian tinge to Timor. The Lesser Sunda Islands show species, sometimes known from one of them, sometimes from another, which are common to both Java and Celebes, but which are unknown on Borneo. What has been termed the Flores Bridge is now one of the most satisfactorily established of all the land connections which have been suggested in this area. It is evident that Celebes has received from this Sunda group a very large portion of its herpetologic fauna; among some of the species which may be mentioned as having utilized this Flores Bridge the following is typical — *Rana microdisca* is known from Sumatra, Java, Flores, and Celebes. A large number of other species, which will be spoken of under the note on Celebes, have without doubt used this same connection, for these species have long been known both from Java and from Celebes, but owing to the fact

that our knowledge of the fauna of these islands is very incomplete, have not yet been found on any of the Lesser Sunda Islands.

The Sarasins have postulated a second bridge to account for such distributions as these, of which there are a considerable number. They propose a Java Bridge, connecting Java and Celebes, as well as a Flores Bridge, extending from Flores to Celebes.

That the Lesser Sunda Islands remained connected with one another after their separation from Java and Celebes seems probable, because we find a considerable number of species which are peculiar to the group and occur upon more than one island.

Only two turtles are known from the area:—one, from Timor, distinctly Malayan in its origin, is described as a subspecies of *Amyda cartilaginea*, but it is probably specifically distinct, and may be known as *A. newtoni* Ferreira; the other is *Chelodina novae-guineae*, which has been reported by van Lidth de Jeude from Rotti, a small island almost a part of Timor.

Crocodylus porosus is the single crocodilean in the region; so far we know it is from Timor only, though there is no reason to suppose that it does not occur upon the other islands.

Lizards are recorded from the various islands as follows:—from Bali, a single species, the wide-ranging and common *Cryptoblepharis boutonii*; from Lombok seven; from Flores, eleven; from Ombaai nine; from Timor eleven; and from Sumba eight.

The following lizards are peculiar to this group of islands, and are not confined to a single island:—*Draco timorensis* occurs on Timor and Ombaai, adjacent islands; *Sphenomorphus florensis* occurs on Flores, Ombaai, and Timor, three islands which form an almost continuous series; *S. emigrans* occurs on Flores and Sumba, again a case of adjacent islands. *Varanus timorensis*, on the other hand, has a widely discontinuous range; while originally described from Timor, it has since been found in Queensland, but, so far as is known, does not occur elsewhere.

The genus *Gonycephalus* is absent from all these islands, though species are known from both sides of the region, viz. from the Greater Sunda Islands, and from New Guinea; this anomalous condition is probably to be explained by the fact that the distribution took place through land bridges which include some of the Philippines, where species also occur, so that the dispersal of this genus had nothing to do with the region under discussion.

Of snakes, again, we know from Bali only a single, common wide-ranging

form, *Hurria rhynchops*, while from the other islands we have records as follows:—from Lombok seven; from Flores nine; from Ombaai five; from Timor sixteen and from Sumba seven. *Typhlops polygrammicus* has a distribution similar to that of *Varanus timorensis*, except that it is recorded from various parts of Australia instead of being confined to Queensland. *Liasis fuscus*, a species of a Papuan genus, occurs on Timor and also in British New Guinea and Queensland; *L. macrotis* is found upon Timor and the two small islands of Savu and Samao, lying near by. *Python timorensis* occurs on both Timor and Flores. *Naia naia*, using the name in its broad sense, has been found in this group on both Flores and Ombaai. The distribution of the genus *Calamaria*, so far as it goes, resembles that of the saurian *Gonyocephalus*; and although members of the genus occur on Java on the one side, and in Celebes to the north, not a single one has been reported from this group of islands. Here again the genus is reported as existing on the Philippines. The genus *Cylindrophis* has a somewhat peculiar distribution. The records which I have found are as follows:—from Burma, Cochin China, Siam, Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, Borneo, Java, Celebes, and Batjan, but on neither the Philippines nor any one of the Lesser Sunda chain. A single peculiar species, however, occurs on Lombok and another in Djampea; they are respectively *C. opisthorhodus* and *C. isolepis*, so that the distribution is not in reality a discontinuous one after all.

So far as known, comparatively few forms are confined to a single island. Thus, we know only two peculiar lizards on Flores; three on Timor and one on Sumba. None has been described as peculiar to Bali, Lombok, or Ombaai. Among snakes there is one strictly peculiar species each upon Lombok, Flores, Timor, and Sumba.

Regarding the amphibians, I take van Kampen's records directly as they stand; though he bases several of them, as he himself remarks, only upon Bleeker's notoriously inaccurate reports. We find the following:—upon Bali, two species; upon Lombok, five; upon Flores, six, with one peculiar species; upon Ombaai, two; Timor, three; and Sumba, three. Of peculiar interest is the single species of *Sphenophryne*, *S. monticola*, which is confined to Lombok. This distinctly Papuan genus occurs elsewhere, outside of New Guinea, only upon Djampea and Celebes, where two species occur. This is another excellent piece of evidence of a land connection, though it does not, of course, necessarily suggest a direct connection between Celebes and Lombok; it may be mentioned, however, that the long string of Paternoster or Tenga, and Postillon or Sabalana Islands stretch in a direct line between Lombok and Celebes. *Hylidae*, absent

on the Greater Sunda Islands, and also on Celebes, are present in this group, one species, *Hyla everetti*, being confined to Ombaai, Timor, Savu, and Sumba; while the Papuasian, *H. dolichopsis*, has been reported from Timor, though it must be confessed that the same form has also turned up recently on Java as an accidental immigrant; it is not, however, as likely to have been accidentally introduced into Timor.

Since the preceding pages were written I have received the report on the reptile and amphibian collections of the Elbert-Sunda-Expedition des Frankfurter Vereins für geographie und statistic by Jean Roux. Three new species are described: — *Typhlops elberti* Roux from Lombok, and *Cylindrophis boulengeri* Roux, and *Rana elberti* Roux from the island of Wetter. This island remained hitherto unexplored herpetologically, although the birds have been made known by Rothschild's collectors. Aside from these interesting novelties the paper records most important additions to the knowledge of the extension of the fauna of southern Celebes to the islands of Kabaeüa and Buton. This condition was exactly what might have been expected. From the island of Wetter, besides the new species, six other reptiles were recorded, all species wide ranging throughout the Archipelago except *Sphenomorphus florensis* (M. Weber), which does not range beyond the limits of the Lesser Sunda chain. On this island only two amphibians were found; a new subspecies, or island race, of *Rana tigerina*, called *verruculosa* Roux, and the new *Rana elberti* Roux.

From Lombok came the greatest surprises, which prove that, so far as reptiles are concerned, the island is faunistically as Malayan as Bali. Among the new discoveries were *Gekko gecko* (Linné), *Draco volans* Linné, *Dibamus novae-guineae* Dum. & Bibr., *Gonyosoma* (called *Coluber*) *oxycephala* (Boie), *Elaphe* (also called *Coluber*) *subradiata* (Schleg.), and *Naia naia* (Linné). The addition of these to the list of species already known goes far to enable us to form a more accurate idea of the existing conditions on this most important island.

Among Amphibia we are most surprised to find *Rana macrodon* Dum. & Bibr. and *Rana modesta* Blgr. existing on the same island. I had supposed that the latter species was a derivative of the former, which had replaced the parent species after isolation on Celebes. The individuals of *R. modesta* may have got to Lombok by the Celebes-Lesser Sunda Bridge and then met again the parent species, which had come earlier from Java to Lombok and remained specifically unchanged upon that island. Thus *R. modesta* probably came by the same route and contemporaneously with *Sphenophryne*. If earlier, it might con-

ceivably have found its way back to Java again, whence its original ancestors came, by the direct bridge to Celebes. I have separated a Lombok specimen of *Bufo biporcatus* Tschudi under the name of *Bufo cavor*. I note that Roux makes no such separation. Other important records of Amphibia from Lombok are *Bufo celebensis* Gthr., and *Polypedates leucomystax* (Gravenhorst). The other locality visited by Elbert was Sumbawa, an important member of the Lesser Sunda group, herpetologically another *terra incognita*. From this island ten species of reptiles were obtained, none of them new or of particular importance from a zoögeographic point of view. *Rana tigerina* Daudin and *Rana microdisca* Bttgr. were the only species of Amphibia taken.

CELEBES.

We have more accurate information regarding the zoögeographical relationships of Celebes than of any other island in the entire archipelago. This is almost entirely due to the remarkable collections, and studies based upon them, by the cousins, Drs. P. and F. Sarasin. The third volume of their work on "Celebes," in which they have published the results of their trip, is entitled "Ueber die geologische geschichte der Insel Celebes auf grund der thierverbreitung" (Wiesbaden, C. W. Kreidel's verlag, 1901). It contains a very full and graphic explanation of the previous connections which, in their opinions, Celebes has had with near by islands, and serves to show more fully than any other work that has ever been published, how satisfactory a basis faunistic studies form for the interpretation of geologic history. The explanations of the Sarasins will be used in the general summary.

To turn directly to the reptiles and amphibians of the island, we may base our notes on "A catalogue of the reptiles and batrachians of the Celebes, with special reference to the collections made by Drs. P. and F. Sarasin, 1893-1896." This is by Dr. G. A. Boulenger (Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1897, p. 193-237, pl. 7-16). There are eighty-three reptiles and twenty-one amphibians recorded from the island; thirteen lizards and sixteen snakes, or about thirty-six per cent of the total number, are peculiar to it.

Among these, however, there is but one endemic genus, *Rhabdophidium*. Among the amphibians eight, or about forty per cent — a very considerable proportion — are restricted to Celebes.

Generally speaking, the relation to the western islands has been pointed out by Boulenger to be much more intimate than that to the eastern islands;

however, Papuasian affinity is shown in the presence of two peculiar species of the engystomatid genus *Sphenophryne*. The fact that scincids predominate in the fauna of the island, the number of species being larger than that of any other family, points at once to a more strongly eastern relationship of the fauna than one would at first sight realize; for many of the species are peculiar to the island, and as such do not figure in the counts of species known from either east or west. Thus, considering the enormous predominance of the members of this family in New Guinea, for instance, as against their extreme paucity in Java or Sumatra, the presence of fourteen species of what may be broadly termed *Lygosomas* serves at once to emphasize this eastern affinity. Some species, as *Natrix vittata* and *N. chrysargoides*, as also *Calamaria calamaria*, are found on Java and Celebes, but upon none of the islands of the Lesser Sunda chain. To this category also belong *C. virgulata* and *Typhlops ater*; whereas among amphibians, *Rana microdisca* occurs on Celebes, on Java, and in the Mentawai group. Examples of such distribution as this among the various groups of animals have been made the basis for what the Sarasins call their Java Bridge; they maintain that this connection was direct, and had nothing to do with the Lesser Sunda chain. In other groups of animals, however, distributions point directly to a bridge with this chain, and Flores has been accepted as the island to which the connection most probably led, so that this has come to be known as the Flores Bridge. Whether, however, in the light of the very little which is known of the herpetology of most of the Lesser Sunda Islands, the distribution of reptiles and amphibians bears out the distinctness or even the existence of both of these bridges, it is difficult to say. Special relation to the Philippines is shown, as Boulenger has pointed out, by a considerable number of other species.

This brings us directly to another point which is of considerable interest, viz.—the localization within Celebes of the distributions of various species. We should expect the forms having closest relationship with the Philippines, for instance, to occur especially on the Minahassa or northern peninsula of the Island. This is not very strongly brought out, however, by the data at hand; to be sure *Dendrelaphis terrificus* does occur in this locality only; on the other hand *R. microdisca* occurs also only on the Minahassa, though it is a species which we have spoken of as occurring elsewhere only in Java and the Mentawai Islands. Any other of the local distributions, so far as we know them, are equally anomalous; but we may readily imagine that a further special collection in herpetology may change this.

TIMOR-LAUT.

Before proceeding to consider the various islands of the Moluccan groups, it is proper to notice the herpetology of a small archipelago which presents a rather anomalous condition. The Timor-Laut or Tenimber group lies about two hundred miles almost directly eastward of Timor and about the same distance to the north of Melville Island off the coast of northern West Australia. While the charts are deficient in soundings, they lead one to suppose that the island is completely surrounded by water of great depth, from 200 to 900 fathoms; there are, however, no soundings on a direct line between Babar, Dawera, and the small islands Selu, Wariari, and Sera, which lie off the west coast of Jamdena, the largest island of the Tenimber group.

We owe our knowledge of the herpetology of this island to the collections of H. O. Forbes. Boulenger reported on "The collection of reptiles and batrachians from the Timor-Laut Islands, formed by Mr. H. O. Forbes" (Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1883, p. 386-388, pl. 41-42). The reptiles are so few in number that it may be well to mention each species.

As might be expected, the Gekkos are wide-ranging forms, though it is interesting to see that *Gekko gekko* (Linné) reaches here the eastern limit of its range. It occurs also on both Timor and Celebes. *Peropus mutilatus* (Wiegman) *Varanus indicus* (Daud.), and *Cryptoblepharus boutonii* (Desj.) also were found, all wide-ranging forms.

So far as we know, the scincids are but three in number, wide-ranging, and generally Papuan in relationships. They are *Riopa rufescens* (Shaw), *Emoia cyanurum* (Less.), and *Dasia smaragdinum* (Less.). The first mentioned may prove to be an autochthonous species, as Boettger has separated the Halmahera *Riopa* as *R. mentovarium*.

The agamids are very interesting. One of these is *Physignathus maculilabris* Blgr. This species belongs to a genus which occurs in Australia, Timor-Laut, and the Indo-Chinese Peninsula. The Tenimber species is closely similar to *P. gilberti* (Gray) from Australia. The other agamid is *Calotes cristatellus* Kuhl, which ranges from the Malay Peninsula through most of the islands as far as Mysol. The representatives of this species on the islands from Celebes eastward may be referred to a subspecies, *moluccanus* Lesson; while those on Celebes seem to be similarly recognizable, and may be known by the race name *celebensis* Gthr.

Among the Ophidia we have with *Python reticulatus* (Schn.) evidence of

this sharply defined, two-fold origin, another species reaching here the eastern limit of its range; while *Holarchus forbesi* (Blgr.) is the sole representative of this typical Malayan genus east of Java. Such a genus, the species of which are generally small and inconspicuous, with more or less subterranean habits, may of course exist on the comparatively little-known islands of the Lesser Sunda group. Dr. Boulenger writes to me that there can be no doubt as to this Moluccan *Holarchus*, as it has been recently rediscovered by Mr. J. d'A. Pareira.

Chrysopelea rhodopleuron Boie is confined to the Moluccan groups, but has Malayan affinities; while *Python amethystinus* (Schn.), *Enygrus carinatus* (Schn.), and *Dendrophis calligaster* Gthr. are all obviously of Papuan origin.

The only three amphibians recorded are *Rana papua* Lesson, and *Hyla dolichopsis* (Cope), both from New Guinea, and what van Kampen calls *Hyla rubella* Gray. This is an Australian species related to *Hyla congenita* Peters and Doria. Van Kampen had but a single bleached specimen, and some doubt is justifiable as to which of these species he really had.

AMBON.

We begin considering the true Moluccas with Ambon (or Amboyna, as it was formerly called), not on account of its importance geographically, but because of the fact that it was one of the earliest settlements in the East Indies, and that collections have been made there since the very earliest times. Lying near by is the larger island of Buru, and just northward of this isle are the three islands of the Sula (Xulla) group. Their names are Taliabou, Mangola, and Sula Besi. Of these three islands we know practically nothing, Buru being better known as to its birds and some other groups. This forms the most important region for investigation in the whole archipelago. A glance at the chart shows that, without the shadow of a doubt, the Sula Islands formed the site of the bridge which connected Celebes with the Moluccas on the one hand and with New Guinea on the other. To use a single example, we may emphasize the fact that the very distinct and highly specialized genus of swine which we call by the Malayan name of deer-pig or Babirusa occurs on Celebes, the Sula Islands, and Buru, and not elsewhere.

We have not considered all of the northern Moluccas at one time for the reason that they differ very widely from one another in the relationships of their faunae. With the exception of the island of Halmahera, none of them have been fully explored, and one can speak of their relationships only in a tentative sort of way, making use of the definite records which we have and leaving out of

account altogether numerous forms which without doubt occur, but which have not as yet been found in modern collections where careful data have been preserved.

It may be well to caution students here against the frequency with which species of the most improbable occurrence have been recorded in the past from the two ancient settlements of Ambon and Ternate. In speaking of Java we had occasion to mention how recently it had been supposed that there was a Papuan element in the fauna there; and the occasion for such supposition was based on just such records as these of which we complain here. Bleeker was the chief offender in this direction. No further excuse is needed for disbelieving Bleeker's records than the fact that in 1860 he recorded *Calamaria calamaria*, *Ptyas korros*, and *Natrix subminiata* all from Wahai, Ceram, as well as a host of other species equally impossible, from Ceram and other islands near by.

Ambon possesses a single fresh-water tortoise, the wide-ranging *Cyclemys ambonensis* (Daudin), and this species is also found on Buru. *Crocodylus porosus* Schn. is also reported from the former island.

Lizards are few in number. The wide-ranging *Lepidodactylus lugubris* (Dum. & Bibr.) occurs, as well as two species of Gekko — the Malayan *G. monarchus* (Dum. & Bibr.) and Papuan *G. vittatus* Houttuyn, the latter reaching here the western limit of its range, though occurring also on Buru. Another Malayan derivative is *Draco lineatus* Daudin, the sole representative of the genus in the Moluccan region. It has a circumscribed range, being at present known from only four islands: — Ambon, Buru, Ceram, and Mysol. The latter island we shall consider separately later on. It should be particularly noted here that, in spite of the careful collecting on Halmahera, no *Draco* has been found there.

Calotes cristatellus Kuhl is found on most of the Moluccas, both Ambon and Buru being in the list. *Varanus indicus* (Daudin), another wide-ranging form, is found on both islands. The Papuan *Tiliqua gigas* (Schneider) occurs on Ambon, but not on Buru, as does also *Dasia smaragdinum* (Lesson). The writer, however, saw what he was quite sure was this species, at Tifu in Buru, though no other record exists, and the specimen unfortunately was not taken.

Leiolepis fuscum (Dum. & Bibr.) and *L. novae-guineae* (Meyer) both occur on Ambon. *Emoia cyanurum* (Lesson) is reported from both islands, and *E. baudinii* (Dum. & Bibr.) is reported from Buru, but not from Ambon.

Boettger, in reporting on Kükenthal's collection from Halmahera, separated specifically a number of scines which had previously been supposed to be wide-ranging forms, and as yet we do not know just how widely distributed these are

in the Moluccas. For this reason, without material at hand for comparison, it is impossible to say whether the Riopa occurring on Ambon is Merrem's *R. rufescens*, long known from New Guinea and Queensland, or whether it represents *R. mentovarum* (Boettger), hitherto found only on Halmahera, and replacing there *R. rufescens*, which was previously reported from that island. Boulenger in a recent letter has written me that specimens from Ambon are different from those from Halmahera. Specimens from Ceram, Obi, and other neighboring islands, however, still require close comparison.

Cryptoblepharus boutonii (Desj.) occurs also on both of the islands.

A list of the snakes follows:—

Python amethystinus (Schn.), of Papuan derivation.

P. reticulatus (Schn.), of Malayan derivation.

Enygrus carinatus (Schn.), of Papuan derivation.

Brachyorrhus albus (Linné), of Papuan origin.

Stegonotus modestus (Schlegel). Boulenger writes me that Ambon specimens can not be distinguished from Papuan.

Oligodon bitorquatus Boie, a Javan species, like others omitted here, and probably erroneously reported from Ambon.

Hurria rhynchops (Schn.), a freely swimming form of Malayan origin.

Boiga irregularis (Bechstein), specifically Papuan in origin, occurring throughout the Moluccas. The genus *Boiga* is, of course, Malayan, as is also *Python*.

Chrysopelea rhodopleuron Boie, Moluccan representative of a Malayan genus.

Of the amphibians, *Rana grunniens* Daudin has the same impossible distribution mentioned before, Java and Ambon.

Phrynomantis fusca Peters is found only upon Ambon and Batanta, and is probably incorrectly placed in this wholly African genus. *Hyla amboinensis* Horst is confined to Ambon and Mysol. *H. dolichopsis* (Cope), a wide-ranging Papuan species which, as we now know, has been transplanted by human agency as far as Java, occurs also on both islands.

To sum up in a few words the conditions here, we find that, in spite of geographic proximity to Papua, we are still in what may be called the transition zone. Timor-Laut, these islands of the Moluccas, and even, as we shall show later, Mysol, all have a number of Malayan forms, as well as generally even more Papuan forms, which are the ones we should expect to predominate to a greater extent than is actually the case. We are now, to be sure, on the extreme limit of the true Malayan herpetological fauna; and, although it is so conspicuous

throughout the Moluccas, varying, it is true, among the different groups, only one or two Malayan species at most reach the mainland of Papua. Yet there are many genera which are characteristic of the western islands represented by well-defined peculiar species of local origin.

CERAM.

Certain peculiarities regarding the fauna of this island make it necessary to speak of it separately, and to include it neither with Ambon or Buru on the one hand,—though it would seem to be intimately related to Ambon hydrographically,—nor with the Halmahera group, from which it is separated by a wide and deep channel, on the other hand. The island itself is of considerable size and, so far as its reptiles and amphibians go, is incompletely explored. The interior is mountainous, and still inhabited by many tribes as yet unsubdued by the Dutch and dangerous to the traveller. It is about 200 miles long, and varies in width from twenty-five to fifty miles. It is connected by numerous small islands, which are separated from each other by what appear to be shallow channels,—though here again plentiful soundings are wanting,—with the Ke Islands, which lie to the southeast. It is along this route that an ancient connection with New Guinea may have existed. There may have been a double bridging here, to Ke, on the one hand, and on the other to Mysol.

There are no tortoises recorded from the island. *Crocodilus porosus* Schn. is said to occur, though no record of it has been published, so far as I know. I have, however, myself seen the tracks of crocodiles in the mud in mangrove swamps on the south coast of Ceram, and there is no doubt as to their being of this species. Omitting the older and doubtful accounts of Bleeker, we find few recent definite records. They are as follows:—

Of saurians these — *Gekko vittatus* Houttuyn, a Papuan form.

Draco lineatus Daudin, a Moluccan representative of a Malayan genus.¹

Calotes cristatellus Kuhl, Malayan in origin.

Varanus indicus (Daud.), Papuanian.

Tiliqua gigas (Schn.), Papuan in origin.

Mabuya multifasciata Kuhl., a Malayan form.

Dasia smaragdinum (Lesson), wide-ranging throughout the whole archipelago, but probably Papuan in origin.

Leiolepisma fuscum (Dum. & Bibr.), Papuan.

¹ Werner, in a recent paper (Mitt. Nat. mus. Hamburg, 1910, 23, p. 20), has recorded *Draco timorensis* Kuhl. from Ceram. This is most surprising and needs confirmation.

Lygosoma muelleri (Schlegel), Papuan; reported also from Ternate by Peters & Doria; this record, however, needs verification, as the species was not found by Kükenthal in his extensive collecting on Ternate and Halmahera, nor had other collectors found it there up to the time Boettger wrote his account of the Kükenthal collection. I showed a Ceram specimen of *L. muelleri* to many intelligent natives of Ternate, including indeed Ali, the faithful companion of Wallace during his many journeys, now an old man, and all agreed that they had not seen such a lizard before.

Dibamus novae-guineae Dum. & Bibr., a burrowing form, which has been found sporadically from the Malay Peninsula to New Guinea.

Of Ophidia these — *Typhlops braminus* (Daud.), almost omnipresent in the eastern tropics.

Python amethystinus (Schn.), Papuan.

P. reticulatus (Schn.), Malayan.

Enygrus carinatus (Schn.), Papuan.

Natrix elongata (Jan.), confined to this island.

Stegonotus cuculatus (Dum. & Bibr.), Papuan; found also in Queensland.

It occurs on Ceram alone, of all the Moluccas.

S. modestus (Dum. & Bibr.), Papuan.

Dendrophis pictus (Gmelin), Malayan.

Hurria rhynchops (Schn.), wider-ranging, semi-aquatic.

Fordonia leucobalea (Schleg.), of the same habits as *Hurria*.

Boiga irregularis (Bech.), Papuan representative of a Malayan genus.

Chrysopelea rhodopleuron Boie, a Moluccan representative of a Malayan genus.

Pseudelaps muelleri (Schl.), a Papuan species found on this island alone, of all the Moluccas.

Acanthophis antarcticus (Shaw), a Papuan species found west of New Guinea only on Ceram and the Ke Islands.

Of amphibians fewer still have been recorded. *Hyla dolichopsis* (Cope) occurs, as it does on many other islands near by. *H. vagabunda* Peters and Doria has been found, west of New Guinea, on this island alone. *H. kampeni* Barbour is, so far as known, confined to this island. *Cornufer corrugatus* (A. Dum.) occurs in Goram, whence specimens have just been received, and so probably on Ceram also.

It will be seen by examining these lists that both among reptiles and amphibians there are Papuan forms which have not been found upon any other of the

Moluccas than Ceram, even though this island is one of the least known. There can be no doubt about these records, as I have taken several of the Papuan species myself, both at Wahaai on the north coast, and at Piru on the south, and several other collectors have also reported them. This strong and peculiar Papuan element can only mean that the connection of New Guinea with Ceram was independent of its connection with the other islands. As yet there are hardly sufficient soundings to indicate where this connection lay, though the fact that *Acanthopis antarcticus* (Shaw) also occurs on the Ke Islands, and the close hydrographic relationship of Ceram of this group through the chain of small islands already referred to would suggest that there had certainly been a connection with Papua by way of the Ke islands. Nevertheless the Ke Islands are very far from having such a typical Papuan fauna as the Aru Islands have. Then, too, the fact that *Draco lineatus* Daud. occurs on the island of Mysol, of which I shall speak separately, suggests a different route of migration. Possibly both bridges have existed, though at different geologic periods.

MYSOL.

¹ If there was any reason for drawing a line such as Wallace proposed between Bali and Lombok, as a faunal limit, such a line might well be passed between Mysol and New Guinea. For the Malayan fauna may be followed as far as this island, which is the ultimate station to which Malayan species have extended specifically unchanged. The island does not, however, form a western boundary of the Papuan fauna.

This small and rather isolated island is separated by a shallow sea from New Guinea, the nearest large island, the strait being not more than forty-five or fifty miles wide, and from 8 to 25 fathoms in depth. It is separated also by what is apparently comparatively shallow water from the small islands of Kofiau, Kalap, Popa, and others which reach out towards the southern extension of Halmahera, this island itself being distant some hundred miles in a northwesterly direction. Southward of Mysol, between it and the nearest point of the island of Ceram — a cape near Wahaai — there intervene about 55 miles of what appears to be indeed deep water. Two soundings in this immediate region give 462 and 673 fathoms respectively, and just to the eastward there is another depth of 995 fathoms. The island, like most of the others in its vicinity, is almost entirely unknown, but we record here only those species which are now known from Mysol with considerable probability of accuracy. Many of these records are based upon specimens which are mentioned by Boulenger in his

Catalogue as coming from Mysol; others are records taken from the collections reported upon by Peters and Doria, and others.

No turtles nor crocodiles appear among the definite records up to the present time. Boulenger has recorded ¹ *Gekko monarchus* (Dum. & Bibr.) on the basis of a male and female in the British Museum. *G. vittatus* Houttuyn appears, as might be expected. **Draco lineatus* Daudin occurs, as well as **Calotes cristatellus* Kuhl.

Few scines are recorded. They are *Tiliqua gigas* (Schn.), *Dasia smaragdinum* (Lesson), *Leiolepisma fuscum* (Dum. & Bibr.), and *Emoia cyanurum* (Lesson). Many more surely remain to be found.

Of snakes we know only very few. *Typhlops olivaceus* (Gray) is said to occur, but this is almost certainly an error, for the species occurs elsewhere only in the Philippines and Borneo. *Python amethystinus* (Schn.), *Enygrus carinatus* (Schn.), and *E. asper* (Gthr.) are recorded. The last here reaches the western limit of its range. *Stegonotus modestus* (Schlegel), **Dendrophis pictus* (Gmelin), *Boiga irregularis* (Bech.), **Chrysopelea rhodopleuron* Boie, and *Pseudelaps muelleri* (Schl.) close the list of reptiles.

There are three species of amphibians. *Hyla amboinensis* Horst is found only upon this island and Ambon, which is the type locality. The wide-ranging *H. dolichopsis* (Cope) occurs, while *H. aruensis* Horst was originally described from both the Aru Islands and Mysol. It possibly occurs in Papua also.

Now, it will be seen by looking at these notes that we have to deal with certain species reaching this island from the west which are on Ceram but not on Halmahera, though other species are of course also found on that island as well. However, the series of species as a whole shows a much closer relationship to that of Ceram, an island separated by deep water, than it does to that of Halmahera, an island connected by strings of islets which are separated from each other by only shallow straits. It would seem at first that this condition might be accounted for either upon the ground that we did not know Halmahera sufficiently well, or that these species have reached Mysol by accidental carriage. But, first, I can not believe that, if the forms existed on Halmahera, now so well known, they would not have been found long ere this, and secondly, if we had to account for the occurrence of only one or two species on Mysol, we might expect accidental carriage to be responsible, but this is not likely to be the case where we have a considerable number of species to account for upon an island which,

¹ Species marked with an asterisk reach here the extreme eastern limit of their range (five out of eighteen or nearly twenty per cent).

like Mysol, is one of the least known and least visited of the islands in its vicinity. Mysol is important neither to the Malayan traders nor to the whites, from a commercial point of view. There are no large settlements on the island, and it is not as frequently visited as are some points on the mainland of New Guinea. Nevertheless, the more or less haphazard distribution of the three species of *Hyla* would favor the view that accidental introduction may have played a part here. Furthermore it is entirely possible that in the list of reptiles have been included one or more records which should be eliminated. At any rate, the fact remains that, so far as we now know, Mysol shares with Timor-Laut a position on the Malayan zoölogical frontier, though it remains much more of an enigma as regards the derivation of its fauna than does the other group of islands.

HALMAHERA GROUP.

None of the other Moluccan Islands is so well known herpetologically as are these; and a most complete résumé of their reptilian fauna has been written by Boettger (*Abh. Senck. nat. ges.* 1900-3, 25, p. 325-375, pl. 14-16). The islands of the group, consisting of the large island of Halmahera, with the small islands of Ternate and Batjan lying near by, are the ones where Kükenthal made the collections on which Boettger's paper is based. Other islands of the group less known are Tidor and Morotai. Farther to the south, and quite unknown herpetologically, lies the island of Obi. All of the Halmahera group, with the exception of Obi, are close together, separated from one another by only shallow water, though between Halmahera and Obi there is deep water, from 808 to over 1,000 fathoms. Between the group as a whole and New Guinea there is the not unusual condition of a string of small islands with deep water between and about them. Obi was once doubtless connected to the old bridge between Halmahera and New Guinea. The island does not seem ever to have been joined to any other land except this bridge, which is now gone, leaving only many small islands to show where it once existed. As a matter of fact, soundings are so few in this region that it is hard to see what is connected by submarine banks, and what is separated by chasm-like straits. However, a long series of islands, as if a continuation of the southern peninsula of Halmahera, stretches out towards Mysol and Salawati. None of these seem to be separated by water more than 60 fathoms deep. To the northward, again, lies the Papuan island of Gebe, directly between the southeastern peninsula of Halmahera and the Papuan island of Waigiu. The water between these islands seems to be much deeper, though there are no soundings available in a direct line between

them. We should expect, then, from the conditions here, that this group of islands would show a much stronger preponderance of Papuan forms than the Ambon group, and as a matter of fact this is the case. To sum up, we conclude that Halmahera was joined to both Celebes and Papua; while Obi had an erst-while indirect connection with both by being part of the old Halmahera-Papua commissure.

Twenty-five lizards are recorded, six of which are peculiar to the island. One of these is a species of *Gehyra*, a genus of usually wide-ranging species; while the others are all species of *Lygosoma*, using the generic term in its broadest sense. They are closely related to other Papuan species, and in many cases have been considered identical until a very short time ago. It is strange to see these Papuan species replaced in Halmahera by distinct forms, whereas in the Ambon group, so far as I can discern, individuals occur which are indistinguishable from Papuan examples, even though the island seems less closely related geographically to the Papuan region than does Halmahera.

Of all the species of lizards, only two can be said to be preeminently Malayan; these are *Calotes cristatellus* (Kuhl) and *Mabuya multifasciata* (Kuhl). The fact that there are fourteen *Lygosomas* shows how preponderating is the Papuan element among the lizards.

Of snakes there are seventeen, not counting the sea-species; and of these, six are peculiar to the island, two of them belonging to genera *Styporhynchus* and *Calamorhabdium*, not occurring elsewhere. The Malayan *Python reticulatus* (Schn.) occurs here, along with *P. amethystinus* (Schn.), which does not go west of Timor. The distribution of *Cylindrophis rufus* (Laur.), *Ptyas dipsas* (Schlegel), *Typhlops ater* Schl., and *Testudo forstenii* (Schl. & Müll.), if it exists on the island, which I now doubt very much, shows that there was once direct connection between Celebes and Halmahera, perhaps through the Sula Islands, or perhaps by an independent bridge to the north of that group. A connection with Celebes through Obi is very improbable on hydrographic grounds. The Ambon group and especially Buru seem far more intimately related to the Sula Islands than these are to the islands about Halmahera.

Two species of *Natrix* and a *Dendrophis*, all confined to the island, are, of course, of Malay origin, although evidently modified by long isolation here. The other snakes are Papuan.

I have spoken already of the single land-tortoise, *Testudo forstenii* Schl. & Müll., a rare species, reported from Celebes and Halmahera though it is probably absent from the latter; while only a single fresh-water tortoise occurs,

the wide-ranging *Cyclemys amboinensis* (Daud.). *Crocodylus porosus* Schn. is also known.

Of the amphibians, eight in number, we find that four are peculiar, two representing genera not known elsewhere, *Phrynixalus* and *Oreophryne*. Broadly speaking, these show affinities much more Papuan than Malayan, as do also the other amphibians, except the two species of *Rana*. One of these is *Rana moluccana* Bttgr., closely related to *Rana varians* Boulenger, which is a species originally described from the island of Palawan in the southern Philippines, but since discovered on Celebes; so that here again the direct connection with Celebes is emphasized. The other frog, which is recorded as *Rana macrodon* Dum. & Bibr., more probably represents *R. modesta* Blgr., which replaces the former species upon Celebes and Talaut, and has been reported by van Kampen from the island of Nusalaut near Ambon.

To sum up, we see that this group of Moluccas shows conditions decidedly different from those which we have already indicated for Ceram and the islands about Ambon. In many cases these northern islands show a closer relationship to Papua than do the others; though, strangely enough, such characteristic Papuan genera as *Acanthophis* and *Pseudelaps* occur upon Ceram, but not upon Halmahera, to say nothing of the fact that upon Ceram also we find the avian genus *Casuarius*, which occurs along with *Acanthophis* in the Ke Islands. These discrepancies can not in this case be explained by probable ignorance of the conditions, for the island of Halmahera we now know well. The only explanation possible is either two independent connections with New Guinea, or else a separation at different times of these two islands from a common land-mass stretching out towards Papua. The hydrography of the region leads one to believe most strongly, one might almost say surely, that there were two, possibly more, separate connections. Halmahera was connected with Salawati along the line of the many small islands now existing, and Obi joined to this same bridge; while Ceram and Ambon may well have received their Papuan types by means of a connection passing through the Ke Islands.

KE ISLANDS.

The Ke (variously spelled Ké, Kay, Kei, Key, etc.), or Ewaf Islands are a small, heavily forested group lying directly south of Cape van den Bosch of the Kumawa district, Dutch New Guinea. They are distant from this point some seventy miles, and from the southeast point of Ceram some 160 miles. The group itself consists of the island of Nuhu Jut, which is fifty miles long and only

a few miles wide; Nuhu Roa, some 20 miles long and ten miles wide; as well as a large number of islets of varying size, on one of which the town of Tual is situated, the main settlement of the group, the island being of the same name.

The islands are, one might say, almost connected with Ceram; for the few soundings are of depths of only about a hundred fathoms, while many islands lie in a direct line and form a chain with many submerged banks and reefs just awash between them. Between the Ke Islands and the Aru Islands, and between the Ke Islands and New Guinea, the depth of water seems to be much greater. There are a number of soundings off towards the Aru Islands reaching the depth of almost 2,000 fathoms; and towards the island of Adi, off the New Guinea coast, almost as great a depth has been found.

These conditions at once associate the islands rather with the Moluccas than with the true Papuan groups; although, as we find on studying the records for the fauna, the Papuan element seems predominant. Our hydrographic knowledge of the region is too limited to say surely that there are no submarine evidences of connection with either New Guinea or the Aru Islands. If such evidences do not exist, we have simply another added case which shows how dangerous it is to rely exclusively upon data of this sort for the reconstruction of past land connections. That this connecting area was one of comparatively recent date, geologically speaking, is evidently proved by the intimate faunal relationship which the Ke Islands have with true Papuasias. It has been customary in the past to speak of the Ke and Aru groups as both being purely Papuan in their fauna. This is perfectly true of the Aru Islands, but the Ke Archipelago shows strongly the influence of its direct relationship with Ceram.

There has just appeared an exhaustive study of the herpetology of these two groups from the pen of Dr. Jean Roux (Abh. Senck. nat. ges., 1910, 33, p. 211-247, taf. 13-14). Dr. Roux's data are especially valuable inasmuch as he adds considerably to the list which we previously had of species from both these groups. The following notes are made up largely from his list.

The snakes are nine in number, three of which are species of Typhlops; one, *T. kraalii* Doria, is peculiar to the island, and another, *T. multilineatus* Schl., is found both at Tual and in Dutch New Guinea. The other species are *Python amethystinus* (Schn.), *Stegonotus modestus* (Schl.), *S. cucullatus* (Dum. & Bibr.), *Dendrophis calligaster* Gthr., *Boiga irregularis* (Bechst.), and *Acanthophis antarcticus* (Shaw). These, as may be seen at a glance, are forms of Papuan origin; yet nearly all of them occur in the Moluccas as well. The distribution

of *Acanthophis antarcticus* (Shaw) is important, as we know almost certainly that in the Moluccas it is confined to Ceram. It has long been known from the Ke Islands; and now Roux records it from Aru, as well; so that its migration route to Ceram is plainly seen. Were it not for such species as this one and the *Stegonotus*, we might be inclined to imagine, in view of the great depth of water about the islands, that the Papuan species had reached Ke fortuitously.

This explanation, however, could not of course apply to any such number of species when we take the lizards into consideration as well. Of these Roux records twenty-one species. Five are wide-ranging members of the Gekkonidae, and their presence is not significant. *Gekko vittatus* Hout. and *Gekko monarchus* (Dum. & Bibr.) both occur; the former Malayan, and the latter of Papuan affinity. Then, of the Agamidae, Roux records for the first time *Physignathus temporalis* (Gthr.), a species hitherto known from Queensland and Papua only; while on page 247 he remarks that Werner has reported *Draco lineatus* Daud., and has described *D. ochropterus* Werner, both from this group. As a matter of fact, *D. lineatus* was first recorded a long time ago, so that it is not especially surprising to find another peculiar species present. And in view of what we know of the distribution of such species as *Acanthophis antarcticus*, and the avian genus *Casuarius*, it is hard to understand why in regard to the *Draco* records Roux wrote:—

“Mit diesem Fund würde in die herpetologische Fauna der Kei-Inseln ein Element hineintreten, welches für eine frühere Relation dieses Archipels mit den mehr westlich gelegenen Inseln (sei es nordwestlich oder südwestlich) sprechen würde.

“Eine weitere Bestätigung dieser Fundortsangabe wäre wünschenswert.”

We have already remarked on the hydrographic evidence, so we need do no more than call attention to it again in this connection.

Other lizards are abundant. The wide-ranging *Varanus indicus* (Daud.) is found commonly, as well as the geographical race of *Tiliqua gigas* (Schn.) subsp. *keiensis* Oud. The other scincs number eleven species; and, though *Sphenomorphus kuhnei* (Roux) and *Leiolepisma beccarii* (Peters. & Dor.) are peculiar to the islands, still the great majority are of direct Papuan origin, and might be expected to occur. One species should be mentioned specially, and that is *Lygosoma muelleri* (Schl.). This species is rare, extremely retiring in its habits, and seems to be generally confined to the dense forest. It is certainly not one which could by any chance have been carried about by human agency. Roux records it from both Ke and Aru. It was previously known, he says,

only from New Guinea and Ceram. As a matter of fact there is a record for Ternate, but it is quite unsubstantiated. This distribution is directly comparable to that of the Death-adder, and as such is most interesting.

So far, we know of only two amphibians from the Ke Islands:—*Hyla dolichopsis* (Cope), which we know to be easily carried about, and *Cornufer corrugatus* (Dum.), which does not seem so likely to have had a similar history. The absence of amphibians in this case, however, must not be taken as offering evidence against a land connection. Van Kampen has shown that the land connections were probably in many cases so narrow as to lack suitable places where amphibians might breed. Very probably the connections which existed here were of this nature, and so very transitory that amphibians could not pass across them. There is no special need to postulate that these Ke Island connections had any special relation to the migration to New Guinea of its amphibian fauna.

ARU ISLANDS.

The Aru Islands differ considerably in physical features on the one hand from the Ke Islands, which lie near by, and on the other hand from the opposite coast of New Guinea. The group consists of what was probably recently a single large low-lying island, heavily forested, and with many swamps and estuarine water ways. Lying in general in a north and south direction, it is some hundred miles long by forty-five miles wide. The divisions at the present time are into low-lying islands, simply separated by swampy creeks; and the major divisions are five in number — Kola, Wokam, Kobror, Koba, and Terangan. To the westward lies the small island of Wammer, on which is the renowned trading settlement of Dobo. Numerous other islands to the eastward and southeastward are separated from the main land-masses by water only a few feet deep. The group lies on the edge of a submerged bank of enormous extent, which reaches out to the northeastward from Melville Island and the Coburg Peninsula of Australia away to the western portion of New Guinea. The major portion of the Arafura Sea is from 30 to 70 fathoms in depth; while in the region in which we are interested — that is, between the Aru Islands and the Timoraka district off New Guinea and Prince Frederick Henry's Island — the depth of water runs from 16 to 25 or 28 fathoms. Between New Guinea and Timor-Laut the water is deep — 459, 592 and 650 fathoms being depths which are given on the most recent Dutch Admiralty charts; while the still greater depths previously mentioned occur between the Aru and Ke groups. We see at once, then, from this that these islands may be considered almost an integral

part of Papua itself. It has been customary to mention together in the same category both the Ke and the Aru Islands, and to consider them both as purely Papuan groups. This, however, is not justifiable, for the differentiation between them is very strongly marked indeed.

In drawing up these notes on the Aru Islands, use has been made of the same paper by Roux which was referred to under the Ke Islands. We may note, however, that among the species which he records in this paper on page 212 "zum erstenmal für die Aru-Inseln nachgewiesenen Arten" appears *Chondropython viridis* (Schlegel), which, as a matter of fact, was described by Schlegel from specimens from the Aru Islands, so that this is really the type locality for the species.

Roux also fails to point out a very fundamental difference between the fauna of the Ke and Aru groups. This is largely, to be sure, one of degree, many Papuan species occurring in Aru which do not get to Ke, while the species in Ke are also Papuan and found in Aru. The important point is that many of the species reach beyond Ke into the Moluccas; so that the important break in the fauna occurs between Ke and Aru, and not between these two groups and the Moluccas, the connection between Papua and Aru evidently having continued for a very long time after the break just mentioned took place.

It is hardly necessary to discuss the fauna here in detail. It is practically that of New Guinea itself; and even the differences are unimportant, in view of the fact that any of the species supposedly confined to Aru may possibly be found at any time in the little-known regions of New Guinea lying across the straits.

Curiously enough Typhlops seems to be absent, as also *Stegonotus cucullatus* (Dum. & Bibr.), which occurs upon Ke and New Guinea. It has probably simply not yet been found here. Otherwise all the Papuan snakes occurring in Ke are found here, with *Natrix doriae* Blgr., and *Glyphodon tristis* Gthr. added; while Roux found also *Myron richardsonii* Gray, which was previously known only from northern Australia.

The lizards number twenty-eight, of which two are peculiar — *Sphenomorphus aruanus* (Roux) and *S. rufus* (Blgr.). *Lialis burtonii* Gray was one of Roux's most interesting discoveries, emphasizing the extremely close Papuan affinity; while on the other hand the occurrence of *Gekko monarchus* (Dum. & Bibr.) is unique, in that the species is derived from the west. This Gekko is a rare species throughout its range, and one which would seem very unlikely to be carried so far accidentally; if such a fate is not wholly improbable, at least

it is much less likely than for many other of its more common congeners, and yet these do not seem to have attained to anything like so wide a range. We find *Gekko monarchus* on Mysol, Ke, and Aru, and its distribution suggests at once that it is really a very ancient species indeed, though the form is not one which offers other evidence of its antiquity.

The amphibians are purely Papuan, and number eight. *Microbatrachus pusillus* Roux represents a genus and species peculiar to the group, but one which will probably in time be found on New Guinea. The only other local form is *Sphenophryne mertoni* Roux. Curiously enough *Cornufer corrugatus* has not yet been found, though it probably exists still undiscovered along with other species.

NEW GUINEA.

The enormous island of New Guinea lies directly south of the equator, with its northwest projection at 131 degrees east of Greenwich, and its southwest end at 151 degrees; so that the island is something over 1,200 miles long, while it varies in width from a narrow neck of land, where the McClure Gulf cuts almost through to the Wandamman Bay — a distance of only about twelve miles — to the width of almost 400 miles at the points where the 139th and the 142nd parallels cross the island. As everyone knows, the interior of the island is still largely unexplored. Various expeditions have searched the Arfak mountains in the northwest, and are now at work upon the Charles Louis and the Snow Mountains in the southwestern portion; while in British New Guinea, southeast, and German New Guinea, northeast, various expeditions have brought back important collections from the different mountain ranges. It was doubted for many years whether the reports that snow mountains existed were true. Recently they have been found both by Dutch and by British expeditions, and their great height — over 17,000 feet — verified. Still the great central area of the land, lying along the Dutch boundary, is entirely unknown.

A word regarding the political divisions of the island, as they will be spoken of often. All land west of the 141st parallel is Dutch. The remainder, to the eastward, is divided between Germany and England, the British possessing the Torres Strait region, a zone rather larger than that held by the Germans on the Pacific coast.

The fauna is distinctive in all groups of animals. It is not purely Australian, as formerly was supposed. To be sure, a number of species occur in common with Australia, and a still larger number of genera; but the range in Australia

of the great majority of these is limited to the Cape York Peninsula region of Queensland, which undoubtedly within a short time formed an integral part of Papua itself, and may indeed be considered more Papuan than Australian. The rest of Australia — that part of the continent where were evolved the great hordes of typical Australian forms — was probably separated from northern Queensland until just before the break took place through Torres Strait. The fauna of the Bismarek Archipelago, of the Louisiade Islands, and of the Solomons is truly Papuan, and shows little affinity to that of Australia, except inasmuch as some of these same Papuan forms occur which are now found to be common to both New Guinea and Queensland. As would be expected, these species are more common in that part of New Guinea which lies directly opposite Cape York Peninsula than they are in the western, Dutch section; though many of them are wide-ranging, and some reach out to those islands in the Moluccas where the Papuan element in the fauna is distinctly traceable.

No single true Malayan species is found in this whole region, except *Dibamus novae-guineae*, which may not be Malayan at all. A number of Malayan genera, however, occur, some of these reaching to Queensland itself.

Regarding New Guinea, again, it is only fair to say that we are hampered by lack of knowledge; and nearly every year new genera, especially among the inconspicuous burrowing forms, are being discovered; so that sets of figures showing proportionate relationships between the different elements in the fauna here may vary greatly from year to year.

Among the Amphibia conditions are of especial interest. The family of Cystignathidae, which is so characteristic of both Australia and South America, and serves to emphasize the relationship between these two areas, has only recently been found upon Papuan soil; while the enormous predominance of engystomatids observed by van Kampen has served him as the basis of a very ingenious theory regarding the coming of amphibians to New Guinea from the mainland of Asia. Now, we know, from recent data, that the life histories of many of these engystomatid amphibians are similar to those which have long been known for certain New World species, such as the classic *Eleutherodactylus martinicensis* (Ptrs.); that is, they skip their larval stage, and the life cycle is completed within the egg, which is placed for incubation either in soft mud, damp ground, or in the little collections of moisture which are held in the axils of leaves of so many tropical plants, bromeliaceous, and others. This is distinctly and at once evidently an adaptation to regions where only small amounts of standing water are usually met with. Van Kampen maintains that the

connections which New Guinea previously had through the Moluccas with the Malayan islands were narrow necks of land where standing water was probably almost non-existent, and that for this reason the engystomatids which had taken up this method of development were the most fitted to pass over these commissures to what is now New Guinea itself. Members of the family occur throughout the whole area, but only sparingly until the Papuan region is reached, where they immediately become the most prominent feature of the amphibian fauna, and attain to an enormous diversity.

Van Kampen's views have been well expressed twice: once in a paper on, the amphibian fauna of New Guinea (Nova Guinea — Resultats de l'expédition scientifique Néerlandaise à la Nouvelle Guinée. Zool. 1909, 9, p. 31-49, pl. 2); and again in a most enlightening lecture which he delivered before the Royal natural history society of Batavia, entitled "De zoogeografie van den Indischen Archipel (Separate from Bijblad, Natuurkundig tijdschrift voor Ned.-Indië, 1909, 3, 4, p. 1-24, map). Of this I have published an English translation (Amer. nat., 1911, 45, p. 537-560).

The chelonians of New Guinea, while not abundant in number of species, nevertheless show a strong differentiation, which is hardly paralleled by any other group of animals found upon the island and not by chelonians elsewhere in the world. In the first place, we find a relative of the American Chelydra, a peculiar species, which Douglas Ogilby named *Devisia mythodes*. This rare and strange form was discovered in British New Guinea, and the type is now in the Sydney museum. Its affinities are, broadly speaking, American, and so far as we know at present that is about all that can be said of it. Its habits are unknown and it remains probably the most remarkable known example of discontinuous distribution.

Four other genera of turtles are recorded; of which one, *Caretochelys insculpta* Ramsay, is not only peculiar to the island, but represents a genus similar in structure to the pelagic turtles; it is confined to the Fly River of British New Guinea. This species again is known by but few specimens, and its habits are as yet largely unknown. The occurrence of *Pelochelys cantoris* Gray is of peculiar interest, inasmuch as, while the creature is common upon the mainland of southeastern Asia, in the Philippines, and on Borneo and Sumatra, it has only recently been recorded from British Papua and has not been found upon the intervening islands. The other two genera represented are Chelodina, with two species,—one, *C. novae-guineae* Blgr., which is found upon the island of Timor and in British Papua; the other, *C. siebenrocki* Werner, which is con-

fined, so far as we know, to New Guinea; the other genus is *Emydura*, two of the five species of which occur in New Guinea and Australia, while three other forms are strictly Papuan. *Crocodylus porosus* Schn. occurs widely spread over the whole island.

Among these ten species of chelonians, then, six are peculiar to the island, two generically autogenous; while of the other four, only one ranges into Malayan waters, and this same one is the only one that is not generically distinct from those genera known to the Malayan regions. The affinities of the various forms do not seem particularly Australian, inasmuch as *Emydura* is represented in Australia by only two species, one of which is reported only from Queensland; while on New Guinea we find five. There seems for this reason to be no object in not calling this genus truly Papuan in contradistinction to those genera which have obviously had their centre of dispersal in Australia, or perhaps even in Queensland.

It may be best in considering the lizards simply to run through the genera one by one, and note the relationships of each.

Gymnodactylus has three species which are also found upon other islands in the group, while four species are peculiar to Papua. The genus itself may perhaps be considered a Malayan one. Markedly strange is the occurrence of *Thecadactylus australis*, a species described by Günther; the only other species, which occurs in the West Indies, being *T. rapicaudus* (Houttuyn). The first mentioned species, discovered on one of the islands of Torres Straits, may be, but is probably not, an example of convergence; since with *Devisia* occurring here also, as well as cystignathoids which have a very South American look, it is hardly fair to propose this as a probable explanation for the occurrence.

Of *Hemidactylus*, there are two species, probable of Malayan origin, both occurring elsewhere.

Peropus may well be considered as probably having a purely Papuan origin; the genus contains two species which are restricted to Papua, and three which are found elsewhere as well.

A single wide-ranging *Lepidodactylus* is reported.

Of *Gekko*, a Malayan genus, one autochthonous species is found, likewise another species which ranges through the Moluccas and towards the Solomons, without occurring on any of the Sunda Islands. *Liasis*, on the other hand, may be considered Australian; of this genus one Australian species occurs, and another which is found only on New Guinea.

Amongst the Agamidae we have only *Gonyocephalus*, with four species,

confined to the island and four which are not. This last genus presents a curious example of discontinuous dispersal. The species from the Greater Sunda Islands do not seem to be even subgenerically differentiated from the Papuan species; while two, known from the Andamans and Nicobars, are closely similar to the Papuan forms. While species occur in the Philippines, none have as yet been reported from the Sunda Islands east of Bali, nor in any of the Moluccas. The distribution, then, is a peculiar one for a lizard in this area. The species are conspicuous and have probably already been found on most of the islands where they occur.

Varanus is present, with three autocthonous species, two others which are wide-ranging, and one form which is confined to Papua and the Aru Islands. The genus is certainly one which has been directly derived from the westward. *Tiliqua gigas* (Schn.) is the single species of this Australian genus which ranges from its origin.

Using the generic term *Lygosoma* as a convenient general name to cover the many closely related small scincs which have been considered elsewhere as being generically separable, but which have all been placed in this genus by Boulenger, we find the condition of affairs most astonishing in comparison with that on the Malayan islands — for here we have thirty-one peculiar species and in addition twenty others which range off the island. The almost omnipresent *Cryptoblepharus boutonii* (Desj.) is, of course, found too.

Tribolonotus is another peculiar monotypic genus with a single species, *T. novae-guineae* (Schl.), which is not known outside the island; while *Dibamus novae-guineae*, though certainly more abundant in Papuaasia than elsewhere, has recently been found in the Malay Peninsula and in Sumatra. It either occurs elsewhere undiscovered, or else the individuals from these two parts of the range represent different species, however indistinguishable they may seem to be.

The snakes show a somewhat different state of affairs from that of the lizards. The Australian character is very strongly brought out, and the purely Malayan forms do not seem to flourish in the area, inasmuch as they are represented by comparatively few genera, hardly any one of which has more than a single species within the range.

Typhlops may certainly be considered as having relations westward. Two species of the genus are autocthonous; one occurs in British New Guinea and in Queensland; another in Dutch New Guinea and the Ke Islands; while *T. braminus* (Daud.) is well known for its enormous range.

Liasis, an apparently Papuan genus, is represented by three species in New

Guinea, one found in British New Guinea and Timor, and also in Queensland. The only other member of the genus has been found on the islands of Timor, Savu, and Samao.

Enygrus is another genus which originated here, and we find two species on the island.

Aerochordus, Chersydrus, and Fordonia are three monotypic genera, all of the same class, which range widely, probably owing to their semi-aquatic habits, as they are frequently found in estuarine regions where the water is strongly saline.

Three forms of *Natrix* occur, — one peculiar, another found also in Australia, and the third occurring on the Papuan islands of Waigiu and the Aru group. The genus so prominent on the Sunda Islands here reaches almost the limit of its range.

The monotypic *Brachyorrhus albus* (Linné) occurs in New Guinea, in the Moluccas, and on Timor.

Stegonotus, also Papuan, has two local species, and two others which occur on the Moluccas as well.

Dendrelaphis, a Malayan genus, has two peculiar species here; while *Enhydis*, a similar genus, has one autogenous form.

Dendrophis, also Malayan, has two peculiar species; one form ranges through the Moluccas, as well as through the Solomons, Bismarek Islands, and Queensland, and a fourth form is confined to New Guinea and the Bismarek Archipelago near by.

Boiga irregularis (Bechs.) is the single representative of the genus in this area, but the species has a wide range from Celebes eastward.

The other genera found, nine in number, are all of elapine affinities, and are probably closely associated with the similar forms which predominate so very strongly in Australia. Some of these genera, such as *Pseudelaps*, with one species; *Apisthocalamus*, with two species; *Toxicocalamus*, with one species; *Pseudapisthocalamus*, with one species, are peculiar to New Guinea. *Micropechis* has one species each in New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. *Glyphodon* and *Acanthophis* are two monotypic genera which occur both in Australia and in Papua. It should be noted, however, that *G. tristis* Gthr. occurs only in southeastern New Guinea.

Of the important and very characteristic Australian genus, *Pseudechis*, one species occurs in southeastern New Guinea and in Queensland, while another is confined to the same region in Papua.

It will be seen from what has been written that the snakes are, as one might expect, decidedly more characteristic of the area in which they occur than are the lizards. In the first place, among the lizards the number of genera which are wide-ranging are far larger; and in the second place, few of these genera can be picked out as being distinctly of Australian affinity as compared to those found on other islands to the westward. Thus, excluding *Thecadactylus*, which has no affinities hereabouts at all, we have five genera of lizards which we may consider as being essentially Papuan and with no marked affinities either Malayan or Australian; while six genera may be considered as essentially Malayan. On the other hand, two only among the lizards show predominant Australian relationships.

Among the snakes, however, while there are eight genera which may be considered Malayan, still four of these are of almost certainly widespread accidental dispersal; while the remaining four form but a comparatively inconspicuous part of the whole ophidian fauna. Of the eight wholly Papuan genera, four are obviously of direct Australian derivation, while the others are strongly differentiated from relations on either side. There remain, besides, four genera, not wholly confined to the island, which are conspicuous Australian entities in the Papuan fauna, only one of them reaching as far as the island of Ceram in the Moluccas; while still another genus of southern affinity, *Micropechis*, occurs in New Guinea and on the Solomon Islands.

The snakes are almost as strongly what we would call Australian as are those of that country itself, although many of the Papuan species occur only in Queensland, that part of Australia which was most recently associated with it, and which we have elsewhere spoken of as forming, zoologically speaking, almost an integral part of New Guinea itself.

Before leaving the reptiles, it is perhaps worth while to point out one record which may be doubted. It is a remarkable coincidence that *Gymnodactylus marmoratus* (Dum. & Bibr.) should occur in just that part of New Guinea alone to which Javanese coolies have been brought for plantation work; so that we may consider that this Javanese species has in all probability been introduced into New Guinea in almost exactly the same way that the Papuan *Hyla dolichopsis* (Cope) has come fortuitously to Java by human agency.

The amphibians have been so completely discussed by Dr. P. N. van Kampen in several of his recent papers that there seems no reason for giving more than the briefest outline of the conditions which we find among them. Dr. van Kampen has treated this part of the fauna with its remarkable zoögeographical

relationships in mind, so that there remains little to be added to what he has already said. His first paper appeared in "Nova Guinea: Resultats de l'expédition scientifique Néerlandaise à la Nouvelle Guinée" (1906, p. 163-180, 1 pl.), and gave a list of all the amphibians from New Guinea known up to that time. In the following year he published his excellent "Amphibien des Indischen Archipels," with tables of distribution for each form (Max Weber's Zool. ergeb. einer reise in Niederland. Ost-Indien; 4, 2, 1907, p. 383-416, 1 taf.). These revised again our knowledge of the distribution of the various forms, so that they might be referred to with the greatest ease; and finally in 1909, again in Nova Guinea (1909, 9, 1, p. 31-49, 1 pl.), he has described the booty of several Dutch expeditions to southern New Guinea, including some remarkable new forms, among them a single cystignathoid (*Phanerotis novae-guineae* van Kampen) from Merauke, the only one known upon the island. The revised list increases the number of species recorded considerably; now, counting *Hyla ouwensi* Barbour (Bull. M. C. Z., 1908, 51, p. 325), and the new genus and species, *Pomatops valvifera* Barbour (Proc. Biol. soc. Wash., 1910, 23, p. 89-90, pl. 1), the number is finally raised to sixty-five species, of which, as van Kampen has shown, an astonishing proportion are confined to Papua.

It seems hardly worth while to note further the conditions amongst these amphibians, since van Kampen has explained them so clearly. Suffice it to say that Engystomatidae alone constitute nearly fifty per cent of the entire fauna; that eighty-five per cent of all the species are peculiar to the island; and that the species which do occur off the island are with few exceptions found only near by upon Australia, in the Bismarck Archipelago, on the Aru, Ke, and Timor-Laut groups, etc. *Chaperina fusca* Mocq. is said to occur also on Borneo, which may be possible if we consider the type a specially archaic one; while on the other hand, *Rana novae-britanniae* Wern. has been reported from Sumatra. This of course is improbable; and possibly emphasizes the fact that species frequently look so much alike that it is impossible for us to separate them, when in reality we know from the physical circumstances of their occurrence that they can not be the same. Such a distribution for a *Rana* is absolutely impossible; and it would be interesting to know the breeding habits, notes, and other details regarding the life histories of both species, so that if they are as identical in appearance as we are told, they might be separated nominally, as they should be.

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO.

When, many years ago, the Rev. G. Brown began to send reptiles from the Duke of York Island (now called New Lauenburg) to the British museum, it became at once evident that a local fauna of the very highest interest was being made known. This small island—lying between islands that were formerly called New Britain and New Ireland, but have been renamed by Germany New Pomerania and New Mecklenburg—was the site of a mission, and for a long time the fauna of this region was known only from the specimens sent back from this mission station. Since that time, however, the region has been seized by Germany, in spite of the fact that she had no valid claims based upon discovery here or elsewhere in the Pacific; and since then collecting in the whole group now known as the Bismarek Archipelago has gone on quite extensively, with the exception that from the island of New Mecklenburg itself no records are forthcoming. In 1909 Franz Werner published an extensive paper upon the reptiles and batrachians of the Bismarek Archipelago (Mitt. Mus. nat. Berlin, 1900, 1, p. 1-132, 46 text figures). Referring to this, we find that there is a fauna here resembling closely that occurring upon New Guinea, but lacking the Australian facies, which become so evident in the Torres Strait region of Papua itself. Thus we find six wide-ranging Gekkos, none of them of special importance; whilst among the agamids occur two Papuan species of *Gonyocephalus*, and a genus and species not known from anywhere else, namely, *Diptychodera lobata* Bttgr. Only a single *Varanus*, the wide-ranging *V. indicus* (Daudin), is recorded; while we find no less than eleven scincids, of what we have called in general terms *Lygosoma*. One of these, *Emoia impar* (Werner), is autogenous. Many of the other species are wide-ranging; but still others occur simply on the near by mainland of New Guinea; and one, *Riopa albofasciolatum* (Gthr.), reaches also to Queensland and the Solomons, occurring on New Guinea as well. This species, however, is a rather rare one; and a form of *Riopa* is not one which by its habits is likely to be subject to artificial transport through the agency of man.

The snakes, as one would expect, are even more differentiated than are the lizards. There are three species of *Typhlops*, none of which is found elsewhere. This is very remarkable, in that the surrounding regions are phenomenally poor in species of this genus. This may be due, however, to the fact that as yet they are incompletely explored. *Python amethystinus* (Schneider) occurs, as well as a peculiar genus, *Nardoa boa* (Schlegel). This group shares with the Solomon Islands *Enygrus australis* Montrouz., while the two other species

common in this region also occur, *E. carinatus* (Schneider) and *E. asper* (Günther). Both species of *Natrix*, *N. hypomelas* (Günther) and *N. dahli* (Werner), are peculiar to the Bismarck group. One *Stegonotus*, *S. heterurus* Blgr., occurs here only, and along with it the more wide-ranging *S. modestus* (Schlegel). Two species of *Dendrophis* occur:—*D. lineolatus* Hombr. and Jacq. and *D. calligaster* Günther, both wide-ranging. The only other two land species are both well known throughout the whole area. They are *Boiga irregularis* (Bechs.) and the more strictly Papuan *Pseudelaps muelleri* (Schlegel).

Thus it will be seen that the reptiles, while obviously most closely related to those of New Guinea, show hardly any relationship with those of Australia, only one land proteroglyph occurring, so far as is known; while all the other genera are originally derived from the Asiatic mainland through New Guinea.

Only five amphibians occur. They are *Rana novae-britanniae* Werner, which has been mentioned before as supposedly having the impossible distribution of Sumatra and New Britain; *Cornufer boulengeri* Boettger, a peculiar species; the Papuan *C. corrugatus* (A. Dum.), a supposedly local variety of *Hyla dolichopsis* (Cope); and a so-called *Hylella brachypus* (Werner). I agree with van Kampen in considering the absence of vomerine teeth an insufficient distinction in itself to separate the two genera *Hyla* and *Hylella*; while the subspecies of *Hyla dolichopsis* (Cope) does not seem to be very satisfactory. I fail to find the characters which have been assigned as distinctive of the Ternatian subspecies *tenuigranulata* Boettger as actually serving to distinguish this from the variable individuals on the mainland of New Guinea; and I believe that the same condition obtains here regarding the subspecies *pollicaris*.

I have not mentioned *Crocodilus porosus* Schneider, because it is so wide-ranging as hardly to deserve constant repetition. It is important also to point out the fact that the remarkable development of amphibians in the Solomon Islands finds no parallel among these islands; another point of still greater import is the fact that the two genera, *Enygrus* and *Stegonotus*, have peculiar species differentiated in the Bismarck Archipelago, which have been derived of course from Papua; while the same genera occurring in the Moluccas have true Papuan species over most of the islands, except in the case of *Stegonotus batjanensis* (Günther), localized in the Halmahera group; while upon Ceram, for instance, two unmodified Papuan species occur. The fauna, of course, is a small one in point of number of genera, so that it is impossible to point out this condition of affairs in more than a few types. It would suggest strongly that the separation

between New Guinea and these islands is an older one than that between New Guinea and the Moluccas.

SOLOMON ISLANDS.

The Solomon Islands consist of a long chain of high mountainous islands, many of them of considerable size, stretching away to the southeast from the Bismarck group, and lying parallel to the coast-line of southeastern New Guinea. There is really good reason for recognising the Solomon Islands as being of sufficient zoölogic differentiation to warrant their separate consideration from the Bismarck group. To be sure, the islands are of much the same character and size; none of them being quite as large, however, as either New Pomerania or New Mecklenburg. Generally speaking they are now fairly well known, thanks especially to the researches of Guppy some years ago. His collections were reported upon by Boulenger (*Trans. Zool. soc. London*, 1886, **12**, p. 35-62, pl. 7-13).

From some points of view the difference between these two faunae are insignificant. It is most unfortunate that we have so few hydrographic data on this area. Soundings are few and far between upon all sides of the group, and they do not show anything of the submarine relationship between these two groups of islands and the Papuan mainland. It seems very likely from the conditions of the fauna that the Solomon Islands, or some of them at least, remained connected and formed a single land-mass for a very considerable time after their separation from the region of the Bismarck Archipelago took place. This is suggested by the fact, as will appear later, that a number of most characteristic autogenous forms occur upon many of the islands, while they do not occur in the Bismarck group. On the other hand, it is worth noting, as Boulenger has already said (*Proc. Zool. soc. London*, 1888, p. 89), that between the extreme islands, Faro to the northwest, and San Cristoval towards the southeast, there is considerable difference in the abundance and variety of amphibian life; Faro being strongly Papuanian, and the other end of the group far less so. This immediately suggests that the islands separated from one another progressively from the lower end of the chain; or, in other words, that the subsidence, if this be considered the cause of their separation, began with the depression of the area to the southeast of the group, and continued in a more or less northwest direction. This seems reasonable, inasmuch as New Caledonia, though obviously a continental island, with a fauna derived over a previous land connection, lacks snakes and amphibians; while the Fijis, lying nearer to the source of supply,

so to speak, support the peculiar ophidian *Ogmodon vitianus* Peters and several species of the amphibian genus *Cornufer*, which are, of course, not found elsewhere.

The Solomon Islands concerning which we have data are San Cristoval, Ugi, Guadalcanar, Treasury Island, Faro Island, and Howla, in the Shortland group; and Florida Island, or Gela. Thus it will be seen that for some of the islands not a single record is forthcoming. Boulenger (Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1888, p. 90) prepared a table of distribution giving the ranges within the group of all the species which were known up to 1888; and added again to our knowledge of this fauna by another paper (Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1890, p. 30-31, pl. 2), which reported upon C. M. Woodford's second collection from Gela; Woodford being the person to whom, next to Guppy, we owe our most considerable zoölogical knowledge of the group.

But few of the species found here are confined to a single island; and the exception occurs in the ophidian genus *Denisonia*, each of the three known species of which occurs on a single island. The genus evidently evolved by isolation, when most of the Solomons were connected in one land mass, from some *Pseudelaps*- or *Pseudechis*-like ancestor, perhaps *Pseudelaps* itself; and then the species each became differentiated from among the individuals isolated on each island when the group took on its present aspect. It is hardly worth while to discuss the reptiles at greater length. Suffice it to say that *Gekkos* occur as in the Bismareks, with the exception of two peculiar species of *Lepidodactylus*, both confined to Faro Island, so far as is now known; but it must be remembered that this island is better known herpetologically than almost any other, and undoubtedly many species which appear to have a limited or discontinuous distribution within the group are in reality of general dispersal, did we but know. The same *Gonyocephalus*, *Varanus*, and *Crocodylus* occur also as in the Bismareks; while besides the usual wide-ranging scincids, four peculiar species occur, some found on a single island, others occurring on several. *Corucia zebrata* Gray is an autogenous genus found probably throughout the group.

Among the snakes a single peculiar *Typhlops*, *T. aluensis* Blgr., is noteworthy, as apparently occurring only on Alu in the Shortland group; while the species of *Enygrus*, *Dendrophis*, and *Boiga* occur widely spread. The species of *Denisonia* have been mentioned.

It is amongst the amphibians that we find a truly remarkable state of affairs:—four astonishing *Ranas*, no one of the species confined to a single island, all peculiar to the group; concerning the development of one species,

R. opisthodon Blgr., Boulenger (Trans. Zool. soc. London, 1888, 12, p. 51) quotes the following from Guppy's field notes: —

“During a descent from one of the peaks of Faro Island I stopped at a stream some 400 feet above the sea, where my native boys collected from the moist crevices of the rocks close to the water a number of transparent gelatinous balls, rather smaller than a marble. Each of these balls contained a young frog, about 4 lines in length, apparently fully developed, with very long hind legs and short fore legs, no tail, and bearing on the sides of the body small tufts of what seemed to be branchiae. On my rupturing the ball or egg in which the little animal was doubled up, the tiny frog took a marvellous leap into its existence, and disappeared before I could catch it.”

In addition to the above Boulenger observes: —

“In illustration of this interesting observation, Mr. Guppy sent several ova and recently hatched young, which are to be referred without the slightest doubt to *Rana opisthodon*. The ovum, which measures from 6 to 10 millim. in diameter, is a transparent spherical capsule in which the young frog is coiled up in the same way as figured by Peters¹ in *Hylodes martinicensis*; but none of the specimens, which are in an advanced stage of development, show anything of a tail. There are no gills, but on the side of the abdomen are several regular transverse folds (which in their arrangement remind of the gill-openings of Plagiostomous Fishes), the function of which perhaps is that of breathing-organs, like the tail of *Hylodes*. The tip of the snout is furnished with a small conical protuberance, projecting slightly through the delicate envelope of the egg, and evidently used to perforate that envelope, as is shown by one of the specimens.”

The characteristic genus Cornufer is represented by four species, two of which are autochthonous; and in one species of these, *C. solomonis* Blgr., the describer indicates that a probable intra-oval metamorphosis also takes place, owing to the condition of the ova in the ducts. It is of great importance to emphasize the fact that here, as in New Guinea, we have so prominent this adaptation to life in a region where standing water in the shape of ponds or lakes is rare. From the steep configuration of the islands, it becomes evident that fresh-water must almost always occur in the form of swift-running streams. It is well to recall again van Kampen's suggestion that the assumption of this mode of reproduction has played a very important part in permitting amphibians to extend here to the present frontier of their range.

¹ Mon. Berl. acad., 1876, p. 714, fig. 2.

But we have not yet mentioned really the half of the peculiarities of this amphibian fauna; for amongst the Ranidae we find a remarkable autogenous genus, so far known only from Faro Island,—*Batrachylodes vertebralis* Blgr.; and upon all of the islands, with the exception of San Cristoval, we find a ranid-derivative so differentiated as to constitute the type of a peculiar family, the single known species being *Ceratrobatrachus guentheri* Blgr. It is interesting to note that hitherto every island explored, with the exception of the one mentioned, which was probably separated very early from the rest of the group, supports this peculiar creature; but it is still more remarkable that from the different islands as we know them now there does not seem to be any peculiar local differentiation amongst the various individuals. This may perhaps be due to the fact that the form itself seems to be an especially variable one.

Three peculiar species of *Hyla* close the list.

ANNOTATED LIST OF SPECIES.

AMPHIBIA.

Ichthyophis monochrous (BLEEKER).

BLEEKER, Nat. tijd. Ned. Ind., 1858, **16**, p. 188. BOULENGER, Fauna Brit. India. Rept. Batr., 1890, p. 517.

Type locality: — Sinkawang, west coast of Borneo.

Only a single example of this species was met with, an adult from Rungeet Valley, border of British and Independent Sikkim.

This coecilian is known from India, the Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, Borneo, and Java.

Oxyglossus lima TSCHUDI.

TSCHUDI, Class. Batr., 1838, p. 85. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 5-6.

Type locality: — Java.

A very common frog in the swift running waters about Buitenzorg. Ten specimens were taken. Bryant also has sent in two from Buitenzorg, and one from Tambun in Bantam.

Known from southeastern Asia and Java.

Rana macrodon DUMERIL ET BIBRON.

DUMERIL ET BIBRON, Erpet. gen., 1841, **8**, p. 382. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 24-25.

Type locality: — Dumeril and Bibron had six specimens in the Paris museum,—five from Java, whence undoubtedly the very first specimens came (coll. of Kuhl). The sixth specimen was supposed to have been taken in Celebes by Quoy and Gaimard. This undoubtedly represented what is now known as *Rana modesta* Boulenger.

This form has a wide range on the mainland of Asia, and is also known from Sumatra, and the near by groups, Natuna, Borneo, Java, Lombok, and Flores.

Rana tigerina DAUDIN.

DAUDIN, Hist. nat. rain., 1803, fol. ed., p. 42; quarto ed. (p. 64), pl. 20 (not seen). STEJNEGER, Bull. 58, U. S. nat. mus., 1907, p. 139-142.

Type locality: — Bengal.

Careful comparison of adults from various stations in the wide range of

this species will almost certainly show that it has developed a number of local races. Already van Kampen (Zool. ergeb. Max Weber's reise, 1907, 4, 2, p. 388) has noted that specimens from Celebes vary from others. These he calls *R. t. angustopalmata*. His sketches of a foot of a specimen each from Calcutta, Buitenzorg, and Tempe, Celebes, show well his reason for this designation.

Stejneger (*loc. cit.*, p. 142) writes "Specimens from Borneo, which I had the privilege of examining in British Museum, have the vomerine groups of teeth more oblique and separated from the choanae by a space fully equal to that between the two patches. I can not, therefore, agree in regarding *Rana schlueteri* Werner as a synonym."

I think this form may best be known as *R. t. schlueteri* Werner.

Unfortunately the adults of this species are everywhere very shy and difficult to capture. Besides two from Sarawak, I have full-grown examples from Buitenzorg, Java, only. This frog was, however, taken at the following localities:—Lucknow, 3 half grown; Sunderbans, Lower Bengal, 4 young; Teesta Valley, Bhutan frontier, 8 small; Mandalay, Burma, 1 half grown; Tigyaing, Upper Burma, 1 almost adult; Buitenzorg, Java, large series of all ages; Bali, Lesser Sunda Islands, 3 young; Lombok, Lesser Sunda Islands, 4 young and tadpoles; Makassar, Celebes, 10 young, half grown and almost adult. These represent *R. t. angustopalmata* van Kampen. The describer of this form had specimens from Makassar and other stations as well as Tempe, whence came the example figured. This record from Buleleng, Bali Island, is a substantiation of the previous notice of this form here, by Bleeker. Van Kampen (*loc. cit.*) in his table of distribution has wisely questioned Bleeker's record until it might be confirmed. Dr. van Kampen was with me, and we both took examples of this frog from the same rice-field. Bryant's collection contained an enormous number from west Java.

This species occurs almost everywhere throughout southeastern Asia, and through the Malayan Islands to Timor and Rotti.

***Rana limnocharis* WIEGMANN.**

WIEGMANN, Nova acta Acad. Leop. Carol., 1835, 17, 1, p. 255. STEJNEGER, Bull. 58, U. S. nat. mus., 1907, p. 127.

Type locality:—not given, but from context it may be concluded that description was based on Boie's Javan material.

This frog may be recognized in the field from *Rana tigerina*, which it so closely resembles, by its less webbed feet, and by its lacking the fold of skin along the

outer edge of fifth toe. This species has the same habits as *Rana tigerina*, with which it is usually found associated in the swamps, rice-fields, and banks of streams. It is, however, much less common. Bryant's collection contains but two specimens. These do not agree at all with specimens from Japan and the Riu Kiu Islands. So that there is some doubt as to just what *Rana limnocharis* really is. The species is very rare in Java; consequently if the type came from Java, it is quite likely that it was a young *Rana tigerina*. In which case both *R. limnocharis*, so-called, from Java and Japan, will need new names.

***Rana papua* LESSON.**

Plate 5, fig. 15.

LESSON, Voy. Coquille. Zool., 1830, **2**, 1, p. 59, pl. 7, fig. 1. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 64. VAN KAMPEN, Nova Guinea, 1906, **5**, 6, p. 164.

Type locality:—the island of Waigiu. Here, Lesson remarks, the natives brought them almost every day to the ship as an article of food.

Six examples were taken in Sorong, one at Manokwari, and two at Pom, Jobi Island. A large female from the last-named station has been figured (Pl. 5, fig. 15) and the colors are accurate to the living condition. A male from Pom exhibits well-developed humeral glands. Boulenger (*loc. cit.*) remarks that they do not occur in this species, while van Kampen, on the other hand, found them on a male from Ibaïso. His records show that this was the only adult male which he had before him. Van Kampen thinks that this may be a chance occurrence. It seems, however, that possibly there may be some geographical variation. Boulenger's Papuan examples were all from the Torres Straits region, while these two cases are from the northeast region.

This frog is now known from Waigiu, Batanta, Jobi, the Aru Islands besides New Guinea itself. It is also reported from northern Australia and Timor-Laut.

***Rana moluccana* BOETTGER.**

Plate 5, fig. 12.

BOETTGER, Zool. anz., 1895, **18**, p. 132. Abh. Senck. nat. ges., 1900, **25**, p. 366. (*Rana varians* BOULENGER).

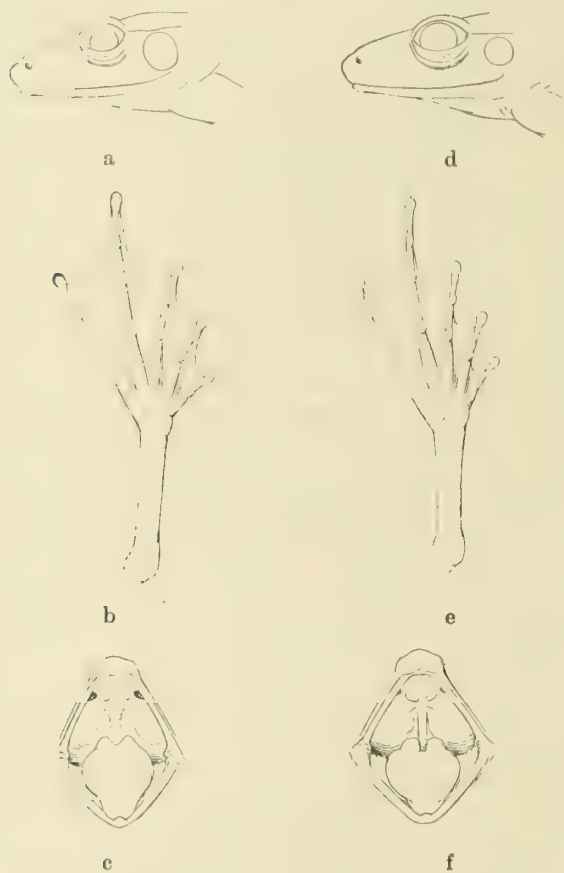
Type locality:—"Auf ganz Halmaheira und Ternate häufig."

While Boettger in his preliminary report described this frog as peculiar to the Halmahera group of the Moluccas, he considered it as synonymous with *Rana varians* Boulenger in the final report on Kükenthal's collection. Thanks to Dr. Stejneger I have before me three topotypes of *R. varians*, U. S. nat. mus., Nos. 39,964, 39,977, 39,978, from Pancal and Puerto Princesa, Palawan. On comparing these with one from Gane, Halmahera, and eighteen from Ternate, it becomes at once evident that, though these species are related closely, yet they

are not specifically identical. They may be separated by the smaller tympanum of *R. varians*, and by the less extent of web between the toes of *R. moluccana*, as well as other characters regarding the size and position of choanae and vomerine

teeth groups. The difference between these characters is made clear in the figures.

The Gane specimen was taken in the deep woods without any fresh-water near by. In this individual the vomerine teeth are rather more separated, and are placed in a slightly more anterior position than is the case with any one of the Ternatian series. The interorbital space is slightly wider in the example from Halmahera than in the others. It is also much more brilliantly colored, the legs being heavily barred above, and very brilliant yellow below. This coloration may have relation to the nuptial season, or may be due to life in the woods. The lot from Ternate were all taken from a well, the water in which stood almost level with the surface, and from which the frogs could have easily escaped. They seemed to be liv-



Rana varians Boulenger, Topotype.

a, profile of head; b, palmar view of foot; c, gape.

Rana moluccana Boettger, Topotype.

d, profile of head; e, palmar view of foot; f, gape.

ing a strictly aquatic life. They were taken a month later than the Gane frog, in late February, instead of January. It is not safe to draw any conclusions from so unevenly distributed material; but this series points strongly to a frog upon Ternate which is not certainly identical with those on Halmahera, and is certainly not identical with *Rana varians* of Palawan. Nevertheless, the origin of these frogs is all the same, and the close relationship serves to emphasize the existence of a connection from the Phillippines through Celebes to the Halmahera group. It will be very instructive to learn whether a frog of this type occurs on the Sula Islands, Obi, or Buru.

Rana erythraea SCHLEGEL.

SCHLEGEL, Abbild. Amphib., 1837, dec. 1, p. 27, pl. 9, fig. 3. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 65-66.

Type locality:—Java and Sumatra.

This is a common species about Buitenzorg. It was taken much more frequently in swift water than in the rice-fields. About twenty examples were preserved. Bryant brought back eight from Buitenzorg, four from Depok, and one from Daru, Bantam.

It is known from Burma, Siam, the Malay Peninsula; and, among the islands, on Sumatra, Nias, Natuna, Borneo, Java, Celebes, and the Philippines. It has been reported from Banca by Bleeker (*Cf.* van Kampen, Zool. ergeb. Max Weber's Reise, 1907, 4, 2, p. 416).

Rana chalconota SCHLEGEL.

SCHLEGEL, Abbild. Amphib., 1837, dec. 1, p. 23, pl. 9, fig. 1. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 66.

Type locality:—Java, figured specimen taken by Kuhl; later known to Schlegel from Sumatra.

A single large specimen of this interesting species was taken at Tjibodas, Java. The hind limb being carried forward the tibiotarsal articulation reaches beyond the snout. In other respects the individual is typical. Bryant got many examples of all ages at Tjibodas and in the surrounding districts, and a few near Buitenzorg.

Reported from the Philippines, Sumatra, Nias, Borneo, Java, and Celebes.

Polypedates reinwardtii (WAGLER).

WAGLER, Nat. syst. Amphib., 1830, p. 200. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 88-90.

Type locality:—Almost surely Java, though none is specified.

Of this most beautiful tree-frog, five were found in Buitenzorg, and two in Tjibodas. Bryant got thirteen at Buitenzorg. Schlegel's figure gives a good idea of the splendid colors of what was probably also a Javan example. (Schlegel, Abbild. Amphib., 1837, dec. 1, pl. 30, figs. 1, 2, 4). It makes a good pet, becomes quite tame, and is capable of the most astonishing leaps.

Known only from Java and Sumatra. Van Kampen (Zool. ergeb. Max Weber's Reise, 1907, 4, 2, p. 416) notes that Boulenger pays no attention to the fact that Peters reported the species from Borneo. The record certainly needs confirmation.

Polypedates leucomystax (GRAVENHORST).

GRAVENHORST, Delic. Mus. zool. Vratislav., 1829, p. 26. STEJNEGER, Bull. 58, U. S. nat. mus., 1907, p. 157-159.

Type locality:—Java.

Twenty-five specimens taken in Buitenzorg, where the species is very abundant, and one at Tjibodas, Java, show great variety in color and markings. Bryant's series of thirteen from Buitenzorg, and one from Gunung Bunder, Mt. Salak, vary similarly. I agree completely with the observations of Flower (Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1896, p. 906) as to the value of these markings for determining color varieties. The condition after killing and preserving is entirely dependent on the phase of color which had been assumed by the animal just before death. They change color and color-pattern with considerable rapidity. Flower in a subsequent paper (Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1899, p. 898-899) notes that they seem to breed at almost all times of the year. All of these Javanese individuals have the skin of the head more or less involved in the cranial ossification. This seems to begin when the frog is about $1\frac{1}{4}$ " long, and when the creature is 2" long the process is complete.

Five specimens from Mt. Wuchi, Hainan, though not fully adult seem to have a much less extensive ossification than Javan examples of the same size. This may be due to the fact that these specimens were originally preserved in formol, a preservative which usually should be carefully shunned, unless the collector is skilled in its use.

A wide-ranging form over southeastern Asia, the Philippines, Sumatra, Nias, Banka, Natuna, Borneo, Java, Madura, Timor, Sumba, Salayer*, and Celebes. Reported once from Ternate, no doubt incorrectly.

Polypedates javanus (BOETTGER).

Plate 8, fig. 31.

BOETTGER, Zool. anz., 1893, 16, p. 338.

Type locality:—Mt. Tjiserupan, west Java.

Bryant had a single fine example from Tjibodas, Mt. Gede, and also one from Buitenzorg.

The species is confined to Java.

Philautus aurifasciatus (SCHLEGEL).

SCHLEGEL, Abbild. Amphib., 1837, dec. 1, p. 27, pl. 9, fig. 4. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 100. VAN KAMPEN, Zool. ergeb. Max Weber's Reise, 1907, 4, 2, p. 404.

Type locality:—mountains of Java.

A single example each in Bryant's and my own collections from the moun-

tain branch of the Buitenzorg Garden at Tjibodas. These specimens agree well with van Kampen's notes on one from the same locality. Both vary considerably from Boulenger's description, as he has shown.

Known from the Natunas, Borneo, and Java.

***Philautus pictus* (PETERS).¹**

PETERS, Mon. Berl. akad., 1871, p. 580. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 99.

Type locality:—Sarawak, Borneo.

A single example in poor preservation, but evidently belonging to this species, was taken near the town of Johore Bahru, Malay Peninsula.

Known now from several stations in the Peninsula as well as Borneo.

***Philautus pallidipes* (Barbour).**

"Snout rounded, as long as diameter of orbit; canthus rostralis moderately distinct; loreal region slightly concave; nostril slightly nearer tip of snout than eye; interorbital space broader than upper eyelid; tympanum very small, round, rather indistinct, one-fifth diameter of eye. Fingers free, toes not quite half webbed; disks prominent, larger than tympanum; subarticular tubercles small, a small elongate inner metatarsal tubercle. The hind limb being carried forward along the body, the tibiotarsal articulation reaches beyond the tip of the snout. Skin minutely granular above; beneath both throat and belly more coarsely granular. Upper surfaces uniform brown, varying from dark reddish to grayish. Palms of hands and ends of toes yellow. Throat so heavily punctulate with dark brown as to appear almost of solid color, belly and inner sides of limbs less heavily specked on a yellow ground. Outer sides of thighs barred with very deep brown.

Type, No. 2442, Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, from near the summit of the volcano Pangerango, Java. T. Barbour, collector.

The small size (body 1 inch long for nearly adult female), lack of cranial ossification, and absence of vomerine teeth place this form with the genus *Ixalus*. The fact, however, that two species of *Polypedates* have been discovered, viz. *P. edentulus* (F. Müll), and *P. anodon* (Van Kampen), which also lack vomerine teeth, shows how scant is the basis of separation for the two genera. Cranial ossification is unknown in *Ixalus*, and, of course, is not general in *Polypedates* so that the adult size alone stands as the generic distinction. A very slim one surely." Proc. Biol. soc. Wash., 1908, 21, p. 190.

¹ *Philautus* takes the place of *Ixalus*, preoccupied. (Stejneger, Proc. U. S. nat. mus., 1905, 28, p. 346).

Nyctixalus margaritifer BOULENGER.

Plate 8, fig. 32.

BOULENGER, Ann. mag. nat. hist., 1882, ser. 5, 10, p. 35.

Type locality:— East Indies.

This species was described from a single example in the Brussels museum with no definite locality. It has since been taken three or four times in the mountains of west Java. Bryant got one specimen on the slopes of Mt. Gede, near Tjibodas, during August, 1909. This single individual agrees generally with the original description. It does differ, however, in having an apparently rather smaller tympanum, which is bordered above by a strong fold running from the eye to the axil. So that it is possible that this specimen, which is an adult female, may in reality represent a second species of this little-known genus; though without more material conjecture is futile. The type was a male, and there may easily be some sexual dimorphism.

Cornufer corrugatus (A. DUMERIL).

A. DUMERIL, Ann. sci. nat. 1853, ser. 3, 19, p. 176. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 110. VAN KAMPEN, Nova Guinea, 1906, 5, 6, p. 167.

Type locality:— Java. Incorrect, it has not been taken in the true Malayan Islands.

A single young individual evidently of this species was taken under a rotten log in the woods near Ansus, Jobi Island, New Guinea. This specimen has no light dorsal line as van Kampen has noted for some Papuan specimens, and Boettger (Abh. Senck. nat. ges., 1901, 25, 2, p. 367) for Halmahera. Five specimens have just been received from Goram Island, a new locality for the species.

Now known from the Philippines, Ceram, Halmahera, Batanta, New Guinea, Jobi, Misori Island, and the Bismarck and Solomon Islands.

Cornufer corrugatus rubristriatus BARBOUR.

Plate 5, fig. 14.

BARBOUR, Proc. Biol. soc. Wash., 1908, 21, p. 190.

Type locality:— Roon Island, Geelvink Bay, New Guinea.

Two examples from this island seemed almost specifically distinct from true *C. corrugatus*. They both lack the characteristic dermal fold which extends from the eye to the shoulder. The tympana are round instead of vertically oval, there are three palmar tubercles, and the tibiotarsal articulation reaches only to the eye. The inner sides of the thighs are yellow, and down the brownish olive back runs a brick-red vertebral stripe.

In other characters there does not occur any such divergence. It seems

better to consider this a localized island race, and not a distinct species; though more specimens of various ages and from a number of localities might completely separate this race, or possibly invalidate it altogether.

***Microhyla annectans* BOULENGER.**

Plate 7, fig. 26.

BOULENGER, Ann. mag. nat. hist., 1900, ser. 7, 6, p. 188. VAN KAMPEN, Zool. ergeb. Max Weber's Reise, 1907, 4, 2, p. 404-405.

Type locality:—Larut Hills, Perak.

Two examples from the Botanical Gardens at Tjibodas, about 4,500 feet in altitude. During March and April specimens of this genus were very rare, and it was only after long searching that these few individuals were found. They spring nimbly about on the damp leaf-mould of the deep forest, often clinging to a leaf as would a *Hyla*. Their colors serve as a most perfect protection against their being seen.

Now known from Java and the Malay Peninsula. It should be noted how this distribution is paralleled by that of many other species of both Reptilia and Amphibia.

***Microhyla achatina* (BOIE).**

Plate 7, fig. 27.

BOIE, Isis, 1827, p. 294. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 166.

Type locality:—Java.

A single specimen taken in April, 1907, on the volcano Papangdaiang, near Garut, Java. Altitude about 5,000 feet. This is a typical highland species in Java; I could not learn that it had ever been found near Buitenzorg. It is said to occur commonly at certain seasons near Sukabumi and Tjibodas, about 3,000 and 4,000 feet respectively. From the latter station Bryant has a very minute frog which I think belongs to this species.

Now known from the Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, Nias, and Java.

***Kaloula pulchra* GRAY.**

Plate 7, fig. 29.

GRAY, Zool. misc., 1831, p. 38. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 170-171.

Type locality:—China.

This species is not uncommon about Makassar, Celebes. It is strictly nocturnal, remaining hidden in holes during the daytime. These specimens do not agree at all with Gray's original description of color. He writes, "Back brown; black spotted; beneath pale; with a broad band across the forehead and the fore legs, and on each side from the eye to the groin rose red." The

colored figure of a Makassar example shows the living colors. Examples in the Museum from Ceylon, Siam, and Cochin China appear to have been colored in life as this figured specimen was.

Known now from Ceylon and India over most of southeastern Asia, and Celebes, Sumatra, and Flores.

For an excellent account of the habits of this species, see Flower, Proc. Zool. soc., London, 1899, p. 906-908.

***Kaloula baleata* (MÜLLER).**

MÜLLER, Verh. Bat. genootsch., 1836, p. 96. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 169-170.

Type locality:— Van Oort and Müller discovered this species on a trip taken through the Preanger early in 1833. Müller wrote his notes on it, and sent them back to Batavia for publication from Lewie Gadja. He reported finding about fifty examples near this town.

This species is locally quite common in west Java. In the city of Batavia its loud screams may sometimes be heard in the roadside ditches during the rains, late in the evening. I have three examples taken there, where, however, they were very shy. In the daytime they stay largely in the hollows of fallen bamboos. I never met with this species during several months at Buitenzorg. Van Kampen told me he had found it sparingly at Tjilatjap.

This species is unknown from the mainland, but is reported from the following islands:—Philippines, Sumatra, Nias, Borneo, Java, Sumba, and Celebes.

***Bufo andersonii* BOULENGER.**

BOULENGER, Ann. mag. nat. hist., 1883, ser. 5, **12**, p. 163. Fauna. Brit. India. Rept. Batr., 1890, p. 504.

This toad seems to be the common garden toad of the dry regions of Upper India. Specimens were taken at Jeypore during November, 1906, where it was fairly common.

This species was first accurately characterized by Anderson (Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1871, p. 203), but he referred his specimens to *Bufo pantherinus* auct. These examples were from Agra, and were also used by Boulenger in the description of *B. andersonii*, as well as examples from Ajmere, Tatta, and some with no more definite locality than "India." It is therefore impossible to establish a precise type locality.

The species is known from Upper India and Arabia.

***Bufo himalayanus* (GÜNTHER).**

GÜNTHER, Reptiles Brit. Ind., 1864, p. 422. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 305-306.

There are three large specimens typical of this species which were sent to the Museum from the Koolloo Valley, India, by the Rev. M. M. Carlton. The

small indistinct tympanum, and low blunt cranial ridges serve to distinguish this species from *B. melanostictus*.

First described as a Himalayan subspecies of the latter form, it is now known from a number of stations along India's upper frontier, always, however, among the hills. *B. bankorensis* Barbour from Formosa is surprisingly closely related.

***Bufo melanostictus* SCHNEIDER.**

SCHNEIDER, Hist. Amphib., 1799, pl. 3, p. 216. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 306-307. STEJNEGER, Bull. 58, U. S. nat. mus., 1907, p. 72-75.

Type locality:—While the species was described from examples from east India, Schneider also remarks that he had a Chinese specimen in the Blochian museum.

With considerable material before me, I am quite unable to find any constant differences which would serve to distinguish specimens from the many localities where this toad occurs. During 1906-07 the following specimens were taken:—five from Calcutta, two from Kyouk-meoung, a town on the Irrewady above Mandalay, one large individual from Penang, three from Batavia, and twenty-one from Buitenzorg.

Besides these I have examined three from Hong Kong (M. C. Z. 1,437, 2,129); three from Saigon (M. C. Z. 1,318); one from Amballa (M. C. Z. 450); and one very large specimen from the "East Indies" (M. C. Z. 1,313); also seven specimens, taken by Mr. Agassiz's expedition to the Maldives, from Addu Atoll; and ten from Male Atoll. The latter series shows well the changes which take place during individual growth. The young begin with a smooth flat crown, this is followed by small black prominences serially arranged. These extend, fuse, and finally grow to the characteristic heavy cephalic ridges. At about the time of fusion the concavity of the crown is noted; during adult life this seems to increase slowly, and in old individuals it is very much depressed. Bryant had specimens from Batavia, Buitenzorg, and Depok.

This toad ranges from Celebes, through continental Asia to China and Formosa. It is also known from the Philippines, Sumatra, Banka, Riouw Island, Natuna, Borneo, Java, and Madura. Bleeker, as van Kampen remarks (Zool. ergeb. Max Weber's Reise, 1907, 4, 2, p. 416), has also reported it from Celebes under the synonymous name *Bufo scaber*. He may have had specimens of either *B. celebensis* or *B. biporcatus*.

Bufo biporcatus TSCHUDI.

Plate 6, fig. 21, and Plate 8, fig. 35.

TSCHUDI, Class. Batr., 1838, p. 51 (not p. 88). BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 311.
(ref. to TSCHUDI, p. 88, *nomen nudum*).

Type locality:—Java, collection of Kuhl.

Curiously enough we did not once meet with this species in Java, but Bryant got one at Buitenzorg (fig. 35). There is a single young example (fig. 21), from Makassar, Celebes (Barbour coll.).

Van Kampen in his table of distribution of East Indian Amphibia (Zool. ergeb. Max Weber's Reise, 1907, 4, 2,) records this species from the mainland of Asia (cf. also Boulenger, Fauna Brit. India. Rept. Batr., 1890, p. 507). Among the islands it occurs on Sumatra, Borneo, Java, Madura, Lombok, and Celebes. Bleeker has reported it from Bali, and this is probably correct.

Bufo cavator BARBOUR.

Plate 6, fig. 22.

BARBOUR, Proc. Biol. soc. Wash., 1911, 24, p. 21.

Type locality:—Ampanan, Lombok.

This species is known from the type alone, from which the figure was drawn.

Bufo asper GRAVENHORST.

GRAVENHORST, Delic. Mus. zool. Vratislav., 1829, p. 58. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 313.

Type locality:—Java.

This large toad does not seem to be common anywhere. It is very rare in Batavia, and constant search, the offering of special inducements to the natives, etc., brought in only three adults at Buitenzorg. Here also Bryant got the same number as well as an additional one at Gunung Bunder, Mt. Salak.

It occurs on Sumatra, Borneo, and Java, as well as on the mainland up to Tenasserim.

Bufo borbonicus (BOIE).

Plate 8, fig. 33.

BOIE, Isis, 1827, p. 294. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. Mus., 1882, p. 286-287. HORST, Notes Leyden mus., 1883, 5, p. 236.

Type locality:—Java.

Boulenger, in his synonymy of this species, mixed two very widely different species, this one and *Bufo cruentatus* Tschudi. Both of these were recognized by Tschudi as being wholly unlike. Van Kampen (Zool. ergeb. Max Weber's Reise, 1907, 4, 2, p. 416) says in a note "*Bufo cruentatus*: auch diese Art gibt

Peters (*loc. cit.*), nicht aber Boulenger, für Borneo an. Peters trennte sie aber nicht von *B. borbonicus*, so dass nicht ersichtlich ist, welche der beiden Arten er meint." Turning now to the work of Peters (Ann. Mus. civ. Genova, 1872, 3, p. 43) to which van Kampen refers, we find that he not only mentioned both species separately, but did not even consider them congeneric. As a matter of fact, Boulenger was probably correct in not including them in the Bornean fauna, since Peters evidently had a mixed collection which contained, besides these, other things which never saw Borneo.

Bryant got one example at Buitenzorg.

Known certainly from Java and Sumatra.

***Bufo cruentatus* TSCHUDI.**

Plate 8, fig. 34.

TSCHUDI, Class. Batr., 1838, p. 52. HORST, Notes Leyden mus., 1883, 5, p. 236.

Type locality:—"India orient. Mus. Lugd."

Boulenger's reference to Tschudi given on page 286 of the Catalogue of Batrachia Salientia British museum 1882, is "Batr. p. 88." This refers to a pure *nomen nudum*, and such description as is given is comprised in a few lines, which are found in Tschudi's discussion of the genus *Bufo*. The type locality was undoubtedly Java as Horst mentions specimens in the Leyden museum taken by Kuhl and van Hasselt, and by Boie and Maclot.

Bryant found this toad twice at Tjibodas, where it is very rare.

I have noted the confusion which has placed this species as a synonym of *B. borbonicus* Boie under the remarks on that species.

Bufo cruentatus is probably confined to Java.

Tschudi (p. 50) says "Bufo calamitus, mehr dem norden Europas angehörig *** wesshalb er von Schneider Bufo cruentatus genannt wurde." Schneider really used the name *Bufo cruciatus* (*vide* Boulenger, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 294)

***Bufo obscurus* (BARBOUR).**

Plate 6, fig. 20.

BARBOUR, Proc. Biol. soc. Wash., 1904, 17, p. 51.

Type locality:—Sarawak.

This species is not a *Nectes*, to which genus it was originally assigned. The very small and inconspicuous paratoid glands shown in the figure were not seen when the original description was penned.

***Hyla dolichopsis* (COPE).**

COPE, Journ. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1867, ser. 2, 6, p. 204. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 384-385. VAN KAMPEN, Nova Guinea, 1906, 5, p. 171-172.

Type locality:—Ambon.

Nine examples were taken at Sorong, New Guinea, and two at Manokwari. An enormous specimen, nearly five inches from nose to vent, was found in Ternate.

Boettger (Zool. anz., 1895, 18, p. 136-137) designates the Ternatian examples by a special subspecific name, *H. d. tenuigranulata*. Among some of the Papuan examples are found nuptial asperities of the shape which Boettger has described as peculiar to those from Ternate; while in the figured example which we took in Ternate the tympanum is greater in diameter than are the digital dilations. This condition is the same as that seen in Papuan specimens, and the opposite of what Boettger has noted for the individuals from the Moluccan Islands. The Sorong series shows that the species is subject to considerable variation even in a limited locality.

This is the most widespread *Hyla* of this whole region. It has very recently been reported from Java, where it was artificially introduced into the Buitenzorg Botanical Garden; before this it was known from Timor, Talaut, the Moluccas generally, Papuasias, Australia, and some other islands to the eastward.

***Hyla kampeni* BARBOUR.**

Plate 5, fig. 13.

Bull. M. C. Z., 1908, 51, p. 324.

Tongue subcircular, slightly nicked, and free behind. Vomerine teeth in two short groups between the middle of the choanae, the interspace separating them as wide as one of the groups. Snout rounded, tympanum round; its diameter is equal to two thirds of the distance from eye to nostril. Rudiment of pollux present. Fingers webbed as follows:—second digit two thirds, third wholly, fourth almost wholly, fifth wholly. The toes are all wholly included in the extent of the web. Discs large, almost as large as tympanum. Skin smooth above, belly and lower side of thighs finely granulate. Upper surfaces greenish brown (dull green in life), lower surfaces unmarked yellow.

Type:—No. 2,433, M. C. Z., a single specimen, taken at Wahaai, Ceram, January, 1907, by T. Barbour.

Hyla kampeni is nearly related to *H. montana* Peters and Doria. It may be readily distinguished by its larger tympanum, greater extent of webbing between the toes, and a more slender build. It is also evidently different from *H. am-*

boinensis Horst and *H. ruepelli* Boettger, which we might expect to find in this locality.

Hyla dolichopsis (Cope) and *H. vagabunda* Peters and Doria are the only other members of the genus which have been previously reported from the island of Ceram.

***Hyla (Hylella) ouwensii* BARBOUR.**

Plate 7, fig. 25.

Bull. M. C. Z., 1908, 51, p. 325.

"Head short; snout squarish; loreal region rather concave; tympanum extremely small, about one fifth diameter of eye; the tibio-tarsal articulation reaches a considerable distance beyond the snout. Fingers two thirds webbed, toes three fourths webbed. Skin of back rough, but without enlarged tubercles, skin on belly with very many small tubercles; these are largest and most abundant about the anal region, whence the series extends out onto the inner sides of the thighs for about half their length. Upper parts of head, body, thighs, shins, feet, and arms of a grayish ground color vermiculated and blotched with blue, in alcohol, green in life; more ashy gray shows on the limbs than on the back. Throat white, belly and lower sides of hind limbs yellowish.

Allied to *Hyla (Hylella) nigromaculata* (Meyer).

Type:— No. 2434, M. C. Z., a single specimen, about an inch and a half long, taken at Pom, north coast of Jobi (Japan) Island, Geelvink Bay, Dutch Papua, February, 1907. T. Barbour, collector."

Two other species of this genus, also lacking in vomerine teeth, have been described from Jobi Island; while from the great "mainland" of Papua but a single species is known. In the preliminary paper (*loc. cit.*, p. 324) I pointed out why these species might advantageously be included in the genus *Hyla*. Van Kampen (Nova Guinea, 1906, 5, 6, p. 176) showed that certain true *Hylas* lack vomerine teeth in the young condition. As this might, therefore, be a character which persisted in some species, and as *Hylella* from its distribution could not be considered a monophyletic genus, it seemed wise to combine the two groups, as van Kampen suggested.

***Megalophrys montana* WAGLER.**

Plate 7, fig. 30.

WAGLER, Nat. syst. Amphib., 1830, p. 204. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 442-443. WEBER, Ann. Jard. bot. Buitenzorg, 1898, 15, suppl. 2, p. 5.

Type locality:— Java.

This species is not uncommon in Java, locally at elevations of over 4,500

feet. Two adults and a young one were taken at 5,000 feet on the Papandaiang, near Garut; two on the slopes of the Pangerango at about 4,500–4,800 feet; and six adults on the Gedeh near the Mountain Gardens at Tjibodas. I feel almost sure in saying that the lower limit of the occurrence of this amphibian is nearly coincident with the lowest level at which there is a general occurrence of tree ferns. Bryant got two on Mt. Salak, and seven on Mt. Gede, about Tjibodas, at altitudes of from 4,500 to 6,400 feet.

The peculiar larvae were sought in vain. They have been carefully described by Weber (*loc. cit.*). Their habits are well considered by Annandale, whose field notes Boulenger (*Fasc. Malay. Zool.*, 1903, 1, 1, p. 132) has used. Bryant, however, got eight at Tjibodas. These were taken from a small sluggish pond, not from a rushing stream, which they have usually been reported as frequenting. Van Kampen (*Nat. tijd. Ned. Ind.*, 1909, 69, 1, p. 27) has added some observations on specimens taken in a similar situation, which are of special value in view of the very great interest which has been aroused by the remarkable form of this curious larva.

As Flower (*Proc. Zool. soc. London*, 1899, p. 913) notes for *M. nasuta*, the specimens vary in color individually, and by frequent changing they always show tints which harmonize wonderfully with dead leaves, in which they lie hidden during the daytime. The colored figure, which has been made from my field notes, shows this resemblance very well. In these notes specimens are described which in life are "Uniform violet above; belly rusty, mottled with dark brown." * * "Immaculate violet brown above with a pair of dark spots on the back, belly almost white with darker marblings." * * "Violet with many varied black markings above, belly black, or brown, or violet gray with streaks and spots of black."

The largest example measured 5" from snout to vent; the smallest, a little over an inch. Boulenger recorded a Javan individual in the British museum which "bears a slight dermal appendage on the tip of the snout." This is not the case with any one of this series.

The range of this form includes the mainland, Philippines, Sumatra, Borneo, and Java.

***Megalophrys hasseltii* (Tschudi).**

TSCHUDI, *Class. Batr.*, 1838, p. 81. BOULENGER, *Proc. Zool. soc. London*, 1908, p. 425.

Type locality:—Java.

Tschudi did not actually describe this species; but as he made his genus *Leptobrachium* monotypic, we can use the generic characterization, which,

coupled with the fact that his material came from Java, makes it quite certain as to what species he really had.

On page 43 he speaks of, and describes briefly, *Septobrachium*, using, however, no specific name. This spelling is obviously a typographical error, in that the name is correctly given on page 81; for this reason it has no standing in nomenclature.

The reasons for uniting *Xenophrys* and *Leptobrachium* with *Megalophrys*, are given in Boulenger's convincing paper on the subject (*Proc. loc. cit.*, p. 425).

Neither Bryant nor I met with this interesting frog; but, thanks to my friend, Major P. A. Ouwens, I have received three fine adults, and four larvae showing various stages of development. These tadpoles have been studied and figured by van Kampen (*Nat. tijd. Ned. Ind.*, 1909, **69**, 1, p. 27, pl. 1, fig. 1).

The series before me is from Pengalongan, Malabar, Java. The species is confined to the mountains wherever it occurs.

SAURIA.

Gymnodactylus marmoratus DUMERIL ET BIBRON.

DUMERIL ET BIBRON, *Erpet. gen.*, 1836, **3**, p. 426, pl. 34, fig. 1. BOULENGER, *Cat. lizards Brit. mus.*, 1885, **1**, p. 44.

Type locality:—Java.

Boulenger credits this name to (Kuhl) Fitzinger, *Neue class. rept.*, 1826, p. 47. The name is here a *nomen nudum*, and is apparently based on a name received *in litt.* from Boie. Stejneger, who has Isis at hand, writes me regarding this case the following:—"We next hear of it in Isis for 1827, but not in the paper by F. Boie (H. Boie's brother), but in one by Schlegel, severely criticising Fitzinger's work of 1826. We find the following: p. 289 'Herrn Boies neue Genera folgen nun in systematische Ordnung.

p. 290.....

'3) N. G. *Goniodactylus* Kuhl. Species: 1) *marmoratus* Kuhl. n. sp.

2) *Ascul. stenodactylus* Licht.—"

The name is thus also a *nomen nudum* here as well as in Gray, Griffith's *Anim. kingdom*, to which Boulenger (*loc. cit.*) refers. Dumeril and Bibron were then the first to describe and figure the species, and the name must, of course, be credited to them.

The lizard is not a rare one, and is generally found under stones or logs in more or less open country. I have seen a few examples in cracks in the bark of trees in the forest. My series of six came from Buitenzorg. Bryant got one at

Gunung Bunder, Mt. Salak; four in the Megamendung Mountains, west Java; two at Depok; one at Buitenzorg; and one at Tjibodas.

Gymnodactylus lateralis WERNER.

WERNER, Verh. zool. bot. ges. Wien, 1896, **46**, p. 11, pl. 1, fig. 4.

Type locality:— Sumatra.

One specimen of this rare gekkoid was obtained by exchange from the American museum of natural history. It is from Sumatra, the only region whence the species comes.

Hemidactylus frenatus DUMERIL ET BIBRON.

DUMERIL ET BIBRON, Erpet. gen., 1836, **3**, p. 366. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **1**, p. 120-121.

Type locality:—"Cette espece habite l'Afrique australe, et parait etre repandue dans tous l'archipel des grandes Indes." Mention of specimens is made from the Cape of Good Hope, Madagascar, Mauritius, Ceylon, Ambon, Timor, Java, Marianne Island, Bengal.

This wide-ranging form is represented in the collection by specimens collected by the writer at Jeypore, Delhi, and Calcutta, India; Rangoon and Tigyaying, Burma; Saigon, Cochin China; Buitenzorg, Java; various localities on Halmahera and Obi Islands in the Moluccas; at Saonek, Wiagiu; and at Sorong, Manokwari, Djamna, and Humboldt's Bay in New Guinea.

Ranges through China, southeastern Asia generally, East Indies and Papuasia, Queensland, St. Helena, and Korea.

Hemidactylus gleadowii MURRAY.

MURRAY, Zool. Sind. 1884, p. 360, pl.—, fig. 3. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **1**, p. 129.

Type locality:— Sind, India? Murray, *loc. cit.* (not seen).

Three specimens taken in Lucknow, one in Calcutta, and one from Mandalay. The Museum has six (No. 3,242) from Bengal.

Hemidactylus bowringii (GRAY).

GRAY, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1845, p. 156. STEJNEGER, Bull. 58, U. S. nat. mus., 1907, p. 176-178.

Type locality:— unknown.

A number of examples from the thatched roofs of Butiya's houses in the valley of the Teesta River in the border of Bhutan and one example from Schwegu, Upper Burma.

Occurs in parts of India and Burma; Formosa and Riu Kiu Islands.

Hemidactylus garnotii DUMERIL ET BIBRON.

DUMERIL ET BIBRON, *Erpet. gen.*, 1836, **3**, p. 368. BOULENGER, *Cat. lizards Brit. mus.*, 1885, **1**, p. 141.

Type locality:— Tahiti.

Three examples from Buitenzorg, Java.

Occurs sporadically in the Malay Archipelago; and also in Sikkim, Burma, Philippines and in some of the South Pacific Islands.

Cosymbotus platyurus (SCHNEIDER).

SCHNEIDER, *Amphib. physiol.*, 1792, **2**, p. 30. STEJNEGER, *Bull.* 58, U. S. nat. mus., 1907, p. 178-179.

Type locality:— not given.

Of this wide-ranging form specimens were taken in Batavia and Buitenzorg, Java; at Patani, Halmahera; and at Sorong, New Guinea. It was observed commonly throughout the East Indies. Bryant had one example from Buitenzorg.

Peropus mutilatus (WIEGMANN).

WIEGMANN, *Herpt. Mex.*, 1834, **1**, p. 54. BOULENGER, *Cat. lizards Brit. mus.*, 1885, **1**, p. 148. STEJNEGER, *Bull.* 58, U. S. nat. mus., 1907, p. 180.

Type locality:— Manila.

Boulenger dates this name from Wiegmann, *Nova acta*, *Acad. Leop. Carol.*, 1835, **17**, 1, p. 238. While the Mexican herpetology is dated 1834, there are in it references to the *Nova Acta*, **17**, which apparently was issued a year later. It is possible that the references, as they are simply made to the part and not to the page, were put in from a proof; and that *Nova acta*, **17**, really did not appear until a year after the other book, which as it stands would seem to have been wrongly dated, and not to have appeared itself until 1835. For this reason it seems better to take the dates as they stand, and not to heed the allusions made in "1834."

A considerable number were taken at Buitenzorg.

Peropus oceanicus (LESSON).

LESSON, *Voy. Coquille. Zool.* 1, 1830, **2**, 1, p. 42, pl. 2, fig. 3. BOULENGER, *Cat. lizards Brit. mus.*, 1885, **1**, p. 152.

Type locality:— Tahiti and Borabora.

A single specimen from the crevice in the bark of a tree at Djamna, Dutch New Guinea.

Ranges widely in the Moluccas, New Guinea, Polynesia.

Peropus interstitialis (OUDEMANS).

OUDEMANS, *Semon's Reise. Zool.*, 1894, **5**, p. 134.

Type locality:— New Guinea.

Pratt took a large example at Fak Fak. The species is confined to Papua.

Gekko gecko (LINNÉ).

LINNÉ, Syst. nat., ed. 10, 1758, 1, p. 205. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 1, p. 183.

Type locality:—"Habitat in Indiis, frequens etiam in domibus."

Specimens in hand are from Buitenzorg, Java; from Katha and Thaybeit-kyin, Burma. On the mainland it is common in houses, but also found in hollow trees in the forest. In Java it is rare. Bryant got only two from Buitenzorg, and one from Depok. It is not, however, absent from Java, as Werner would have us believe, when he claims that *G. stentor* replaces this species in Java; whereas it occurs on Sumatra to the exclusion of the other species.

Gekko stentor (CANTOR).

CANTOR, Cat. Malay. rept., 1847, p. 18. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 1, p. 184.

Type locality:—Pinang.

Common about Buitenzorg. I got a number there; while Bryant also got one, as well as ten from Daru, Bantam, and the same number from Depok.

Gekko vittatus HOULTUYN.

HOULTUYN, Verh. Zeeuw. gen. Vlissingen (Middleburg), 1782, 9, p. 325, pl. —, fig. 2. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 1, p. 185.

Type locality:—"De Afkomst is zekerlyk uit de Indiën."

This species is represented in the collection by a large example, quite typical, from Ambon; another from Wahaai, Ceram; a series of twelve from Djamna, near Humboldt's Bay, New Guinea; and one from Ansum, Jobi Island. There are specimens from Faro Island, Solomons in the Museum. The specimens from the two places last mentioned are typical of *Gekko bivittatus* (Dum. & Bibr.), which Boulenger relegates to subspecific rank. As the two forms overlap in range, in fact, each seems to occur more or less promiscuously over the whole area where the species is found, it seems to represent the case more fairly to consider the whole series as belonging to one variable species, and to recognize no subspecies at all. The difference lying in color, not in structure, they can both hardly be true species; and subspecies can not occur distributed in this way.

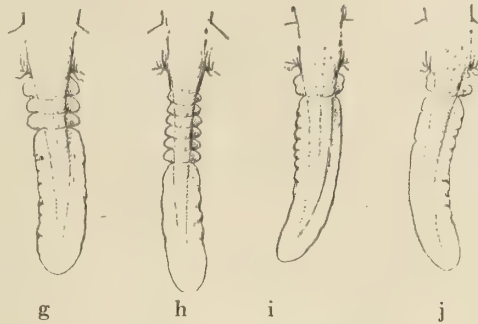
Ptychozoon kuhli STEJNEGER.

Plate 7, fig. 24.

STEJNEGER, Proc. Biol. soc. Wash., 1902, 15, p. 37. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 1, p. 190.

Type locality:—Originally described by Creveldt (Mag. naturf. fr. Berl., 1809, 3, p. 266, pl. 8), as *Lacerta homalocephala*. Stejneger gave a substitute name after the founder of the genus, as Creveldt's was preoccupied. I do not know the original description from autopsy.

On arrival at Buitenzorg, search began at once for the "Flying gekko." In a few days living specimens began to be brought in by the natives, and we were shown how to find them as they rested by day in the chinks and crannies of rough-barked trees. This is never a "house-lizard." We never heard any of the many specimens we kept alive utter a sound, nor did they ever rest with the skin flaps extended. They may be able to do so, however; and when in this condition, they would be marvelously inconspicuous. As for flying with such weak supports, this struck us at once as being both impossible and ridiculous. Individuals were teased into jumping from a table, were dropped from several feet up in the air, and were in every way induced to try to use what has so often been called their parachute. They never did this once. Annandale, who had only a single young one alive for observation, came to the same conclusion (*Ann. mag. nat. hist.*, 1905, ser. 7, 15, p. 32). Annandale also exposed the error arising from Wallace's figure of the flying frog. This error was most unfortunate as it became firmly fixed in zoölogy on the authority of a great naturalist.



Ptychozoon kuhli Stejneger.
Buitenzorg, Java.
Forms of reproduced tails.

The two small white eggs of *Ptychozoon* are always found stuck together in pairs, usually against the wood under the bark of trees. Curiously enough, the eggs of *Aristelliger* are laid in just the same way; and the eggs of the two species are so alike in size as to be almost indistinguishable.

The period of incubation for the eggs of *Ptychozoon* is very long. It has been discussed by Annandale, who has also given an excellent account of egg-laying (*Boulenger, Fasc. Malay. Zool.*, 1903, 1, p. 150, quoting Annandale's field notes). Annandale has published other notes on habits, and on the regeneration of the tail (*Journ. Asiat. soc. Bengal*, 1904, 73, suppl., p. 22). Gadow (*Amphibia and reptiles*, 1901, p. 505) says that the lobes and flaps of skin are apparently to assist adhesion. This is almost surely not the case, since by far the greater part of the time they are closely folded along the sides of the body. They may possibly assist in rendering the creature less conspicuous at certain rare momentary crises. I believe it far more probable that these developments serve at present no purpose whatever. They may be taken to represent, perhaps,

the result of an inherited tendency to vary in a definite direction, coupled with what Cope has called superabundant growth force. We see incipient lateral flap-like outgrowths of skin in other genera of Gekkonidae; in this one the growth process has carried the development far beyond the conditions seen among the other forms. Such growth is comparable to that which shows itself in the curling tusks of the Babirusa, which are perfectly useless; in the enormous curved tusks which may have been a vital hindrance to the persistence of the Mammoth; or in any other one of the hundreds of examples which may be drawn from among both vertebrates and invertebrates, to show that nature often seizes hold of some one feature or character and complicates it or increases its development beyond all usefulness.

When the tail is lost, instead of the regenerated portion showing the crenulated or lobate outline which extends almost to the tip in *P. kuhlii*, and quite to the tip in *P. horsfeldii*, it grows out with a single unemarginate wide fringe of skin. Thus specimens with reproduced tails from localities where both species occur could not be separated. This is an excellent example of the more simple condition always visible in a reproduced tail. Squamation here invariably consists of small pavement-like scales, quite uniform in size, where the original may have shown ornamentation either with whorls of enlarged tubercles, or in other ways. In this tail, the squamation and margin both show far less complication in the new growth than in the original. This may or may not be a reversion to a more primitive or ancestral condition. There is no proof one way or the other.

For some strange reason this lizard bears, in Java, a form of native name usually confined to snakes. It is called *Ular-pa'atek* or *Ular-papatek*. The word *Ular* is invariably used with some qualifying word for a snake-name, as *Burung* is invariably used for birds. I know of no such generic term for lizards or mammals which is used in the same way.

The material preserved consisted of fifty-two examples of all ages from Buitenzorg. Bryant had several also from the same locality.

Kuhl's Fringed lizard has been found in Java, Sumatra, Engaño, Penang, and the Malay Peninsula to southern Burma.

Horsfield's Fringed lizard occurs on the Malay Peninsula and in Borneo and the Natuna Islands. It is recorded from the Riu Kiu Islands, but Stejneger naturally doubts the accuracy of so improbable a record (Bull. 58, U. S. nat. mus., 1907, p. 170).

Draco volans LINNÉ.

LINNÉ, Syst. nat., ed. 10, 1758, 1, p. 199. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 1, p. 256.

Type locality:—"Habitat in India, Africa."

This wonderful little creature, the *Hāp-Hāp* of the Javanese Malays, is extremely common about Buitenzorg, whence came the thirty specimens collected in 1906-1907. Bryant found it equally abundant there, and sent back twenty-five; he took two others at Gunung Bunder, Mt. Salak; and one at Depok. It is strictly a lizard of the lower regions of the island, and it does not occur about Tjibodas or Sindanglaia, or at an altitude above 3,500-4,000 feet.

Draco fimbriatus KÜHL.

KÜHL, Beitr. zool. und vergl. anat., 1820, p. 101. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 1, p. 265.

Type locality:—"India orientalis."

This flying lizard is much rarer than the common *D. volans*. Bryant got five examples at Buitenzorg. It can be easily distinguished from the other by the pure white under surfaces of the "wing"; and, of course, it grows to a far greater size. One of this series (collector's No. 558) has a minute tympanum, almost indistinguishable; in this character it is widely different from that typical of the species.

Gonyocephalus chamaeleontinus (LAURENTI).

LAURENTI, Syn. Rept., 1768, p. 47. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 1, p. 285.

Gonyocephalus kuhlii (SCHLEG.). BOULENGER, loc. cit., p. 286.

Type locality:—"Habitat in America."

This species is a variable one. With a considerable series at hand, I have concluded that *G. kuhlii* is not a valid species; and, although I have no Sumatran specimens, I strongly suspect that Schlegel's *G. (Lophyrus) sumatranus* should be added to the synonymy as well.

The 1906-1907 collecting brought back two examples from Sindanglaia; one from Sukabumi; two from Tjibodas; and one from Tjiserupan. Bryant had six from Tjibodas. In this lot were individuals of all ages, including several large, fully adult specimens. Some had the ventral scales keeled quite distinctly, others less so; while a single, large one had them almost smooth. The projecting supraciliary border is more or less developed; varying, as does also the nuchal crest, both in height and in position anteriorly; so that no definite line can be drawn to separate groups of individuals.

Gonyocephalus dilophus (DUMERIL ET BIBRON).

DUMERIL ET BIBRON, *Erpet. gen.*, 1837, 4, p. 419, pl. 46. BOULENGER, *Cat. lizards Brit. mus.*, 1885, 1, p. 290.

Type locality:— New Guinea.

A fine adult of this remarkable species collected by Mr. A. E. Pratt in the Aru Islands is in the Museum series.

Gonyocephalus modestus MEYER.

MEYER, *Mon. Berl. akad.*, 1874, p. 130. BOULENGER, *Cat. lizards Brit. mus.*, 1885, 1, p. 294.

Type locality:— Jobi Island.

Of the two examples examined, one came from Pom, Jobi Island, Papua; the other was purchased abroad, and comes from the Astrolabe Bay, German New Guinea. They are both of practically the same adult size, some 300 mm. in length; but the serration on the dorsal aspect of the tail is much more pronounced in the specimen last mentioned than in the other.

Calotes cristatellus (KÜHL).

KÜHL, *Beitr. zool. und vergl. anat.*, 1820, p. 108. BOULENGER, *Cat. lizards Brit. mus.*, 1885, 1, p. 316.

Type locality:— unknown.

Bryant took one at Buitenzorg, and there were six in my collection from near Garut, Java. This may be known as *C. cristatellus cristatellus* (Kuhl).

Other examples — six from Ternate, one from Ceram, and four from Halmahera — often vary considerably from the condition seen in the Javan specimen. Javan examples can be matched in the Moluccas, but only rarely. Boulenger has noted the differences which may occur (*loc. cit.*, p. 317). Moluccan examples probably represent a valid geographic race, and may be known as *Calotes cristatellus moluccanus* Peters, (*Mon. Berl. akad.*, 1867, p. 171).

The Celebes examples should probably stand as *Calotes cristatellus celebensis* Günther (*Proc. Zool. soc. London*, 1873, p. 168).

Calotes mystaceus (DUMERIL ET BIBRON).

DUMERIL ET BIBRON, *Erpet. gen.*, 1837, 4, p. 408. BOULENGER, *Cat. lizards Brit. mus.*, 1885, 1, p. 325.

Type locality:— Burma.

This species was seen commonly on fences and in garden shrubbery at several places in Upper Burma. Four from Mandalay were preserved.

Calotes jubatus (DUM. & BIBR.).

Plate 6, fig. 23, egg.

KAUP, *Isis*, 1827, p. 619. BOULENGER, *Cat. lizards Brit. mus.*, 1885, 1, p. 318.

Type locality:— Java.

This is a common tree-lizard about Buitenzorg, where six were preserved in

1906. Bryant got many more:—eighteen from Buitenzorg; seven from Gunung Bunder, Mt. Salak; two from Tjibodas; one from Depok; and one from Daroe, Bantam.

The curious spindle-shaped eggs are often found in loose earth about tree trunks or in decaying vegetable matter, such as old leaves or the rubbish in hollow trees or logs.

***Calotes versicolor* (DAUDIN).**

DAUDIN, Hist. nat. rept., 1802, **3**, p. 395, pl. 44. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **1**, p. 321.

Type locality:—Daudin based his description on two specimens in the Paris museum. He did not mention whence they came. He identifies them, however, with a lizard which Seba figured as coming from Brazil. Daudin undoubtedly believed that he was describing a lizard from tropical South America.

Individuals from Calcutta; the Teesta Valley, Sikkim; Mandalay; and Saigon, which were got in 1906–1907, do not show constant variations correlated with the places where they were found.

***Dendragama fruhstorferi* BOETTGER.**

BOETTGER, Zool. anz., 1893, **16**, p. 335.

Type locality:—Tjiserupan, west Java.

An abundant species in the mountain regions at an altitude of over 4,000 feet. It is partial to sunny glades in rather heavy forest, and is rather strictly arboreal.

Both my own and Bryant's collection had large series, the latter the larger.

The species is, so far as known, confined to west Java, the only other member of the genus being found on Sumatra.

***Hydrosaurus amboinensis* (SCHLOSSER).**

Plate 4, fig. 11.

SCHLOSSER, Epist., Hornst. Abh. acad. Stockh., 1785, **6**, p. 130, pl. 5, fig. 1. BARBOUR, Proc. Biol. soc. Wash., 1911, **24**, p. 19.

Type locality:—Ambon.

A specimen from Piru, Ceram, agrees absolutely with a topotype recently taken in Ambon and now in the United States national museum. It has been described (Barbour *loc. cit.*) in connection with the original description of the following species.

So far as known this form occurs on Ambon and Ceram only.

Hydrosaurus weberi BARBOUR.

Plate 4, fig. 10.

BARBOUR, Proc. Biol. soc. Wash., 1911, 24, p. 20.

Type locality:— Weeda, Halmahera Island.

This distinct species was described on the basis of two adults (male and female) from Halmahera. A series of young examples of various ages show that the species occurs on Ternate also. Probably the examples recorded from Batjan belong here too.

This, the largest of the sail-tailed lizards, is apparently confined to the Halmahera group of the Moluccas. A head of the Philippine species, *H. pustulosus* (Eschscholtz), is figured for comparison (Pl. 4, fig. 9).

Varanus salvator (LAURENTI).

LAURENTI, Syn. Rept., 1768, p. 56. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 314.

Type locality:— "America."

Specimens from Buitenzorg, Java, are in each of the Javan collections seen. The species is a very common, variable, and wide-ranging one. Its distribution is given in the table appended.

Varanus indicus (DAUDIN).

DAUDIN, Hist. nat. rept., 1802, 3, p. 46, pl. 30. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 316.

Type locality: — Ambon.

This was a common Moluccan species. Specimens were preserved from Ceram, Ternate, and Halmahera.

This species frequents mangrove, nipa, and sago swamps especially. It is not apparently fond of climbing, but can do so, though far less ably than *Hydrosaurus*, which is generally associated with it. It swims, of course, with ease. A small swampy pond some miles to the westward of the town of Ternate lies in what is apparently the bed of an old crater. One side is blown down, so that it may be approached at almost sea-level, while otherwise it is shut in by a perfect amphitheatre of hills. About the shores of this lake, these monitors occur in great droves; and the helter-skelter rush for the edge of the pond on the part of these great lizards as we approached reminded one only of the pictures of *Amblyrynchus* on the rocky shores of the Galapagos Islands, living under conditions so totally different.

Mr. A. E. Pratt's collection brings in one from the Aru Islands.

The table (p. 197) may be consulted for the distribution.

Varanus kordensis MEYER.

MEYER, Mon. Berl. akad., 1874, p. 131. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 322.

Type locality: — Korido (Kordo), Wiak Island (Mysore), Schouten group.

Two fine examples from the Aru Islands, taken there by Mr. A. E. Pratt. They are both coal-black above and below.

Takydromus sexlineatus DAUDIN.

DAUDIN, Hist. nat. rept., 1802, 3, p. 256, pl. 39. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1887, 3, p. 4.

Type locality: — unknown.

The specific name *quadrilineatus* for this species was based on what was without doubt the same species, and occurs in Daudin on an earlier page (252). According to the usage of some writers, ornithologists especially, this name, from the mere fact of its place in the volume, becomes *ipso facto* the only available name for the species. It seems, however, better to follow the rule that the first reviser can designate the name by which the species shall be known. All authors have used *sexlineatus*. The alternative name, *quadrilineatus*, which seems never to have appeared in the literature but once, is thus sharply disposed of.

This is an extremely common species in open country, and both Bryant and I got large series in west Java.

Tiliqua gigas (SCHNEIDER).

SCHNEIDER, Hist. Amphib., 1801, 3, p. 202. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1887, 3, p. 144.

Type locality: — Ambon.

This species was taken twice at Ternate, and once at Wahaai, Ceram. Under the notes on Java I have expressed my doubt as to the probability that the record for that island (Berlin mus. 10,490, Bantam) is correct, even though there seems to be every semblance of accuracy.

Mabuya multifasciata (KÜHL).

KÜHL, Beitr. zool. und vergl. anat., 1820, p. 126. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1887, 3, p. 186.

Type locality: — not given.

One of the most wide-ranging of the skinks (*cf.* table). Specimens were preserved as follows:—thirty-five from Buitenzorg, Java; one from Wahaai, Ceram; seven from Patani, Halmahera; one from Gane, Halmahera; nine from Ternate; and one from Meosbundi, Wiak Island, Schouten group, which seems to be the first Papuan record for the species. It is probably not artificially introduced, as there has been very little intercourse with this place, owing to the hostility of the natives, who are even yet considered especially dangerous.

Mabuya macularia (BLYTH).

BLYTH, Journ. Asiatic soc. Bengal, 1853, **22**, p. 652. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1887, **3**, p. 182.

Type locality: — “? Rungpore” India.

A common species in the suburbs of Calcutta. Two specimens preserved.

Sphenomorphus sanctus (DUMERIL ET BIBRON).

DUMERIL ET BIBRON, Erpet. gen., 1839, **5**, p. 739. MAX WEBER, Zool. ergeb., 1890, **1**, p. 171, pl. 14, fig. 4.

Type locality: — Java.

Boulenger (Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1887, **3**, p. 243) said that this species, “described from a young specimen in bad condition, is probably closely allied” to *S. maculatus* Blyth. Only the type was known until it was rediscovered by Weber. The species is an extremely rare one in Java, at any rate about Buitenzorg. I should say that it occurred in the ratio of about one to two hundred as compared to *Mabuya multifasciata*; perhaps even less often. I found but two at Buitenzorg; Bryant, on the other hand, got five at the same place.

Sphenomorphus variegatus (PETERS).

PETERS, Mon. Berl. akad., 1867, p. 20. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1887, **3**, p. 246.

Type locality: — Mindanao.

This species is one of the less common ones, though it is met with sparingly over a wide range. The series studied consists of two from Sorong, and one from Manokwari, Papua; one each from Ansus and Pom, Jobi Island; and one from Jeendee, Ron Island.

Sphenomorphus jobiensis (MEYER).

MEYER, Mon. Berl. akad., 1874, p. 131. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1887, **3**, p. 247.

Type locality. — Jobi Island.

This species seems to be a rather rare one, at any rate in the coast regions in which we collected. Two were got at Djamna; and one each at Pom and Wooi Bay, Jobi Island. Another specimen from near Astrolabe Bay, German New Guinea, came in with a small collection recently procured.

Sphenomorphus brevipes (BOETTGER).

BOETTGER, Zool. anz., 1895, **18**, p. 121, 129. Abh. Senck. nat. ges., 1901, **25**, 2, p. 346, pl. 14, f. 3-3a.

Type locality. — Sao Konora, Halmahera.

This skink has so far been taken on Halmahera alone. A lizard from Ternate, taken in 1907, agrees well enough with the description to make it appear to be almost certainly the same species. Boettger's figure, in appearance, is not very convincing of accuracy; and the specimen does vary considerably

from the figure, though not enough, when the agreement with the description is considered, to separate it as a distinct species.

Sphenomorphus elegantulus (PETERS E DORIA).

PETERS E DORIA, Ann. Mus. civ. Genova, 1878, **13**, p. 344. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1887, **3**, p. 235.

Type locality:—Somerset, Cape York, Queensland.

A single specimen from Sorong, Dutch New Guinea, agrees well with Boulenger's description. Nevertheless, even a good diagnosis alone, without specimens for comparison, is never very convincing; and if this Sorong specimen were compared directly with authentic examples from Queensland or British New Guinea, it would very possibly be found to be different from *S. elegantulus*. I can not find any record that it has been previously taken in this region of Papua.

It is known from the type locality, and British and German New Guinea.

Dasia olivaceum GRAY.

GRAY, Ann. nat. hist., 1839, **2**, p. 331. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. Mus., 1887, **3**, p. 251.

Type locality:—"Prince of Wales Island," coast of Indo-China.

This wide-ranging species is another which is rare in Java. Bryant and I each got two at Buitenzorg. Its habits are those of *Mabuya multifasciata*; and its occurrence, judging from very many observations, can not be in the proportion of more than one to several hundred of that species.

Dasia smaragdinum (LESSON).

Plate 1, fig. 1 and 2; Plate 2, fig. 4.

LESSON, Voy. Coquille. Zool., 1830, **2**, p. 43, pl. 3, fig. 1. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1887, **3**, p. 250.

Type locality:—Oualan, Caroline Islands.

This species is common, wide-ranging, and of unusual interest. A list of the specimens preserved follows:—

From Moluccas:—two from Wahaai, and one from Piru, Ceram; six from Ternate; six from Obi, and two from Galela, Halmahera. From Papuasia:—32 from Sorong, Papua; three from Manokwari, Papua; two from Humboldt's Bay, Papua; three from Saonek, Waigiu; six from Wooi Bay, Jobi Island; and one from the A. E. Pratt collection from Fak Fak, Papua. The Museum has specimens from New Britain, Formosa, the Pelew Islands, and from Ebon in the Marshall Islands. While in Japan I got from Mr. Alan Owston, of Yokahama, two specimens from Ruk, Caroline Islands, which are, of course, approximate topotypes.

Lesson's two figures, each of specimens said to be from Oualan, Caroline

Islands,— one of which he calls *Scincus smaragdinus* (Pl. 3, fig. 1), and the other *S. viridipunctum* (Pl. 4, fig. 1),— represent what I assume to be surely a Papuan example wrongly labelled as to locality; the second one is really from the Caroline Islands. All the specimens fall into three groups, characteristic of their geographic ranges. Thus all the specimens without a single exception from Waigiu, Papua, and New Britain have the body grass-green in life, blue in spirits, sometimes fading posteriorly to a reddish buff, which color continues along the whole tail. This race may be known as *Dasia smaragdinum smaragdinum* (Pl. 1, fig. 1).

Ten examples from Ebon, Marshall Islands; two from the Pelew Islands; and two from Ruk, Caroline Islands, are all alike, and unvarying in color. They are dark iron-gray, each scale with a dark centre or edge. This is the form not very accurately represented by Lesson, Pl. 4, fig. 1. It may be known as *Dasia smaragdinum viridipunctum* (Pl. 2, fig. 4).

The specimens from the Moluccas are as uniform, and are characterized by a light gray ground color, more or less irregularly spotted or blotched with dark brown or black. This gives a sort of pepper-and-salt appearance. The type has been designated as No. 7,481, M. C. Z., an adult from Wahaai, Ceram. The race (Pl. 1, fig. 2.) may be called *Dasia smaragdinum moluccarum* Barbour (Proc. Biol. soc. Wash., 1911, 24, p. 17). Curiously enough no structural characters have been found which hold for this large series which are constantly present jointly with these most striking and unexpectedly fixed color-patterns.

The young of all seem to be alike,— brownish, green spotted, and mottled with darker green; so that the single small example which I recorded from Formosa, the first known, can not be definitely placed as to its subspecies (Barbour, Proc. N. E. zool. club, 1909, 4, p. 65).

It may be urged that, on the evidence of Lesson's two figures, the green form as well as the other occurs in the Carolines. We must recall, however, that in the early part of the last century on long voyages specimens were not as carefully separated from each other according to locality as they are now. We know that Lesson visited Papua; and the examples of *D. smaragdinum smaragdinum* figured, and the types of other of his species indeed, doubtless are of Papuan origin. Many of the Oualan records need verification.

***Leirolepisma fuscum* (DUMERIL ET BIBRON).**

DUMERIL ET BIBRON, Erpet. gen., 1839, 5, p. 759. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1887, 3, p. 283.

Type locality:— Waigiu and Rawac Islands.

Of this common skink, which is abundant almost everywhere, both in open and in forested regions, the following material was preserved:—seven from

Ternate; three from Ambon; one from Piru, Ceram; three from Wahaai, Ceram; five from Patani, Halmahera; fifteen from Saonek, Waigiu; eight from Sorong, Papua; twelve from Manokwari, Papua; one from Djamna, Papua; three from Jendee, Ron Island, Geelvink Bay, Papua; one each from Pom and Ansus on Jobi Island. An example from Fak Fak, Papua, came in with the A. E. Pratt series. The examples from Jendee differ from all the others in being of a darker color, and in having the dark dorsal line very strongly marked.

***Leiolepisma noctua* (LESSON).**

LESSON, Voy. Coquille. Zool., 1830, 2, p. 48, pl. 3, fig. 4. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1887, 3, p. 256.

Type locality:—Oualan, Caroline Island.

This skink was found but once, at Sorong, northwest New Guinea. It is rare in Papua.

***Leiolepisma novae-guineae* (MEYER).**

MEYER, Mon. Berl. akad., 1874, p. 132. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1887, 3, p. 289.

Type locality:—New Guinea.

This lizard was met with but once, when seven individuals were taken at Lawui, Obi Major Island, Moluccas. It has not been recorded from this island previously; and without any specimens from other localities for comparison, there is a possibility that these may not be typical examples of the species. They seem, however, to agree very well with Boulenger's description.

***Leiolepisma pullum* BARBOUR.**

Plate 2, fig. 3.

BARBOUR, Proc. Biol. soc. Wash., 1911, 24, p. 15.

The type from Humboldt's Bay, Dutch New Guinea, near the frontier of Kaiser Wilhelmsland, is the only specimen known so far.

***Emoia cyanurum* (LESSON).**

LESSON, Voy. Coquille. Zool., 1830, 2, p. 49, pl. 4, fig. 2. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. Mus., 1887, 3, p. 290.

Type locality:—Tahiti.

On account of its sky-blue tail this species is strikingly conspicuous, and thus often appears to be the most common lizard in many places. In reality this is not always the case; *L. fuscum*, though inconspicuous, is, where it occurs, generally the most plentiful species. The following specimens of this form were preserved:—from Piru, Ceram, two; from Wahaai, Ceram, one; from Saonek, Waigiu, one; from Manokwari, Papua, one; from Djamna, Papua, one; from Jobi Island, Ansus, three, Pom, four, Wooi Bay, eleven. Another example comes from near Astrolabe Bay, German New Guinea.

Emoia mivarti (BOULENGER).

BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1887, **3**, p. 292, pl. 23, fig. 1.

Type locality:—Admiralty Islands.

In the shore vegetation just back from sandy beaches, this lizard was generally about equally abundant with *E. cyanurum*. The collection contains twenty-four from Djamna; nine from Manokwari; thirteen from Sorong; three from Wooi Bay, Jobi Island, and four from Pom, Jobi Island. The first three places are all on Papua, except Djamna, which is on a very near by islet.

This species was probably long confounded with the true Blue-tailed skink, and for that reason was not described until 1887, though it is both common and conspicuous.

Emoia atrocostatum (LESSON).

LESSON, Voy. Coquille. Zool., 1830, **2**, p. 50, pl. 4, fig. 3. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1887, **3**, p. 295.

Type locality:—Oualan, Caroline Island.

Another widespread and not uncommon species. Of the specimens examined, three came from Sorong, Papua; one from Ansus, and four from Wooi Bay, Jobi Island; one from Saonek, Waigiü Island; and one from Gane, Halma-hera.

Emoia baudinii (DUMERIL ET BIBRON).

DUMERIL ET BIBRON, Erpet. gen., 1839, **5**, p. 653. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1887, **3**, p. 296.

Type locality:—New Guinea.

This lizard, while it is not uncommon in Papua, seems to be rare among the Moluccas. There are two from Wooi Bay, and four from Ansus, Jobi Island; also five from Manokwari, on the Papuan mainland. We did not meet with it elsewhere. When the British museum catalogue was written, there were only two specimens in the collection, both Papuan. Boulenger (Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1897, p. 214) says that the specimen upon which the Celebes record for this species was based is really an *E. cyanurum*.

Emoia cyanogaster (LESSON).

LESSON, Voy. Coquille. Zool., 1830, **2**, p. 47, pl. 3, fig. 3. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1887, **3**, p. 292.

Type locality:—Oualan, Caroline Islands.

This species was found to be a rather rare one. One was got at Sorong, Papua, and another at Wooi Bay, Jobi Island. A third comes from German New Guinea by purchase.

Emoia sorex (BOETTGER).

BOETTGER, Zool. anz., 1895, **18**, p. 118. Abh. Senck. nat. ges., 1901, **25**, p. 243.

Type locality: — Halmahera and Batjan.

This species, which seems to replace *E. cyanogaster* in the Halmahera group of islands, was taken three times: — once at Gane and at Patani, both stations on Halmahera; and at Lawui, Obi Island, where two were caught. It has not been recorded from this island previously.

Riopa rufescens (SHAW).

SHAW, Gen. zool., 1802, **3**, p. 285. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1887, **3**, p. 303.

Type locality: — “Arabia and Egypt . . . shores of the Nile.”!!

This species wide-ranging, but of shy and retiring habits, was only met with at Djamna, near Humboldt's Bay, New Guinea. Two specimens were found under rotting logs in the forest.

Homolepida temminckii (DUMERIL ET BIBRON).

DUMERIL ET BIBRON, Erpet. gen., 1839, **5**, p. 727. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1887, **3**, p. 321.

Type locality: — Based on a specimen, incorrectly labelled, received from the Leyden museum. Locality not mentioned.

This species is abundant in west Java; and may be found under bark, stones, and similar situations, usually in open country.

It was common at Buitenzorg, where twenty-five were preserved; as well as five at Tjibodas, and two near the summit of the Papangdaiang volcano near Garut. Bryant got one at Batavia, eleven at Buitenzorg, and an enormous series on the slopes of the volcano Gede, near Tjibodas, Java. The elevation was from 4,500 to 6,000 feet.

Lygosoma chalcides (LINNÉ).

LINNÉ, Syst. nat., ed. 10, 1758, **1**, p. 209. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1887, **3**, p. 340.

Type locality: — “*Habitat in Europa australi, Africa.*”

A rare species in Java; Bryant and I each found it but twice. All four specimens are from Buitenzorg. The distribution of this species is to be found in the table, and a note regarding its occurrence on Sumatra (p. 12).

Lygosoma muelleri (SCHLEGEL).

SCHLEGEL, Abbild. Amphib., 1837, dec. 1, p. 13, pl. 3. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1887, **3**, p. 338.

Type locality: — Dutch New Guinea.

This rare lizard was found but once, when a splendid adult was taken at Wahaai, Ceram. The species coming from Papua and Ceram emphasizes

again the point made elsewhere about the closer Papuan relationship with this island than with other of the Moluccas (*cf.* the notes on Ceram, p. 38-40).

***Cryptoblepharus boutonii* (DESJARDIN).**

Plate 3.

DESJARDIN, *Ann. sci. nat.*, 1831, ser. 1, **22**, p. 298. BOULENGER, *Cat. lizards Brit. mus.*, 1887, **3**, p. 346.

Type locality: — Mauritius.

Sufficient material is not on hand to attempt to straighten out the probable validity of many of the "varieties" which have been suggested. So far as concerns the material which Boulenger had, one can see that the "varieties" are apparently rather regularly distributed. They are probably real geographic races, for Stejneger (*Bull.* 58, U. S. nat. mus., 1907, p. 225) has shown that there is a definite condition found in all Bonin Island specimens, so far as seen. He had examined ten examples; and four others here, from Hahashima, Bonin Islands, confirm his observations. Regarding the other individuals which I have studied, I find nothing new to add to what has been said in *Proc. Biol. soc. Washington*, 1911, **24**, p. 17-8.

The difference between the races pointed out in *Dasia smaragdinum* and in this species may be distinguished better from the colored figures than by lengthy verbal descriptions. Pl. 3, fig. 8, represents the type of *C. b. balinensis* Barbour. Pl. 3, fig. 5, represents the type of *C. b. cursor* Barbour. Pl. 3, fig. 7, is of *C. b. peronii* (Cocteau) from Saonek, Waigiu Island and Pl. 3, fig. 6, shows what has been called *C. b. peronii* (Cocteau) from Madagascar.

***Dibamus novae-guineae* DUMERIL ET BIBRON.**

DUMERIL ET BIBRON, *Erpet. gen.*, 1839, **5**, p. 834. BOULENGER, *Cat. lizards Brit. mus.*, 1887, **3**, p. 435.

Type locality: — New Guinea, almost certainly from the Dutch section.

A single typical example from Wahaai, Ceram; its presence on this island was to be expected, even if it had not been previously taken.

This curious lizard has a far wider range than for a long time was supposed. It is known from New Guinea; Waigui; Ternate, Halmahera, and now Ceram, in the Moluccas; Celebes; Sumatra; and the Malay Peninsula. This is the only land-reptile of burrowing habits,—in other words, which is not carried about fortuitously,—whose range extends from Malaya to Papua without any apparent specific differentiation. It is probably a form whose degradation began in very early times. Boulenger speaks of the genus as one "which appears to stand in the same relation to the Scincidae as *Anniella* to the Anguidae."

The only other *Dibamus* known comes from the Nicobar Islands.

SERPENTES.

Typhlops lineatus SCHLEGEL.

SCHLEGEL, Abbild. Amphib., 1839, dec. 2, p. 39, pl. 32, fig. 32-34. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, 1, p. 15.

Type locality:—Java; collection of Reinwardt, Leyden museum.

Color:—head and lower parts dull yellow; back with fine zigzag lines of very dark brown from 12 to 15 in number. These lines do not follow the rows of scales, but run between them. This gives the lines a wavy appearance. There is commonly a light yellow or yellowish band around the body in the region near the vent.

The early history of this species is of interest, and I must thank Dr. Stejneger for help in verifying and transcribing some references to books not available here.

1827. Boie Isis, p. 563.

“*a. lineatus* Reinw. welche dem *septemstriatus* Schneid. sehr nahe steht. Vaterland Java.” A *nomen nudum* though a type locality is referred to.

1830. Wagler, Nat. syst. Amphib., p. 196.

“*Acontias lineatus* Reinw.” Another *nomen nudum*.

1831. Gray, Griffith’s anim. kingdom, p. 77.

“*Lined Typhlops. Typhlops lineatus Acontias*, Reinw.” (sic). Again a *nomen nudum*.

Schlegel (*loc. cit.*, 1839, p. 39) writes, after a brief but recognizable description, “Die Abbildung, welche Herr Reinwardt, als er diese Art entdeckte, nach dem Leben machen liess, ist der Folge.” This figure, however, is incorrect both as to the contour of the cephalic scales and the number of scales around the body. Günther (Reptiles Brit. Ind., 1864, p. 171) notes that this figure is incorrect. He counts 405 transverse series of scales on the body and 8 around the tail. Dumeril and Bibron (Erpet. gen., 1837, 4, p. 259) count 430 transverse series. Schlegel likewise counted 430 series on the body and 8 on the tail; also 23 rows of scales. Günther (*loc. cit.*, p. 171) and Boulenger (*loc. cit.*, p. 15) both agree that there are twenty-two rows around the body. This is also the condition in the specimens under examination. The species was well figured by Jan (Icon. gen., 1860, p. 7; 1.1, pl. 5 and 6, fig. 9); he speaks of it thus, “*Typhlops lineatus* Reinw. Java. Musee de Leyde.”

This form is known from Penang Island and other localities in the lower part of the Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, and Java. I should add that it was not taken by Messrs. Annandale and Robinson during their explorations of Perak

and the Siamese Malay states. It is, so far as I know, confined to the vicinity of Singapore, where Cantor took it, and Malacca, whence there are specimens in the British museum. For a long time it was known only from Java, but Dumeril and Bibron (*loc. cit.*) record it as common in Java and equally so in Sumatra. Gray (Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1845, p. 134) records specimens from India presented by General Hardwicke. In 1893, however, Boulenger (*loc. cit.*, p. 15) records the only example taken by Hardwicke as from Singapore, and also questions the correctness of locality of the Hong Kong specimen, which is probably the same as the one mentioned by Günther (*loc. cit.*, p. 171). In 1896 Werner (Verh. Zool. bot. ges. Wien, 46, p. 13) describes "*Typhlops lineatus* Boie typ. und var. *sumatranus* n." This is said to differ from the typical form in having 24 rows of scales around the body and a U-shaped mouth, the typical form having 22 rows of scales and a more V-shaped mouth. The latter character is one which varies greatly in Javan examples; for one of a series of four taken at Buitenzorg in April, 1907, has a mouth with almost parallel sides. The number of rows of scales seems to vary little in these forms, and probably constitutes a valid basis of separation. Dr. Werner ends by suggesting that perhaps this is entitled to be considered a new species, but it seems more probable that extensive collections will show that it can not even be distinguished as a geographical race. There were six other typical examples in the Bryant collection from Buitenzorg, Java.

***Typhlops braminus* (DAUDIN).**

DAUDIN, Hist. nat. rept., 1803, 7, p. 279 (based on Russell's Account of Indian serpents, 1796, 1, p. 48-49, pl. 43). STEJNEGER, Bull. 58, U. S. nat. mus., 1907, p. 260-262, figs. 232-235.

Type locality:—Vizagapatam, Madras presidency, India.

Color brown, in varying shades; often each scale is dark at the apex and paler at the base. This gives the specimens a minutely speckled appearance. The snout and tip of tail are almost invariably whitish, and frequently also the region about the vent. In those individuals which are about to shed the skin the color is steely gray.

This species is found in a number of situations, most frequently under ground in soft leaf-mould; often under rocks or rotten logs, and under the bark of decaying trees. During January, 1907, two specimens were taken in Buitenzorg, Java, about seven feet from the ground, living in small accumulations of decaying vegetable matter between the base of the leaf of a palm tree and the trunk. The tree was well covered with masses of epiphytic vegetation, and the creatures must have crept up through this to reach the position in which they were taken.

This species has a very remarkable distribution through the tropical regions of the Old World. It has been previously recorded from the following localities:—South Africa, Madagascar, Arabia, India, the Maldivé and Laccadive Islands, Ceylon, Burma, Siam, Straits Settlements, Java, Borneo, Flores, Celebes, Ke and Aru Islands, Moluccas, Philippines, Formosa, Hong Kong, Okinawa Island, Miyakoshima, Yaeyama Island, Riu Kiu Archipelago. In the collections at hand, the following localities are represented, some of which extend the known range considerably. Thus the creature seems generally distributed through the Moluccas and also occurs in Papua.

Manokwari (Doreh), Dutch Papua	2 examples
Patani, Halmahera I., Moluccas	1 example
Ternate I., Moluccas	1 example
Wahaai, Ceram I., Moluccas	2 examples
Buitenzorg, Java	14 examples
Johore State, Malay Peninsula	1 example
Saigon, French Cochin China	1 example

The Bryant collection contains eleven other examples from Buitenzorg.

The following are in the collection of the Museum:—

Madras, India,	M. C. Z., 3,913, 3,914	16 examples
Madras, India	M. C. Z., 5,229 (= <i>T. pammaces</i>)	2 examples
Amballa, India	M. C. Z., 4,270	1 example
Plains 70 miles s. w. of Am-		
balla, India,	M. C. Z., 3,750, 5,393	8 examples
The Plains, India,	M. C. Z., 4,780	1 example

Gadow (*Amphibia and reptiles*, 1901, p. 594) offers the following suggestion regarding this family of snakes. “The Typhlopidae * * * are undoubtedly the last living descendants of formerly cosmopolitan, rather archaic, snakes which in adaptation to their burrowing life * * * have undergone degradation.”

It seems probable, certainly possible, that from this simple form (*viz. T. braminus*) various local races of full specific distinction have arisen. This species may have spread abroad whilst still there was land connection between the Indo-Malayan Islands and Papuasias. The distribution over the western portion of its range is also suggestive that at perhaps the same time a land-bridge connected Somaliland with Arabia. It is not necessary to assume that these land connections were coexisting,—they probably were not. Is it not also possible that in the last-mentioned connection was included the island of Socotra,

on which occurs a pallid form varying from *T. braminus* in the following characters:— a wide rostral, a preocular broader than nasal or ocular, and 24 rows of scales around the body. There are many points of close similarity in proportions and squamation between these two forms; the only really noteworthy deviation of *T. socotranus* Blgr. from *T. braminus* being the addition of four rows of scales around the body.

Günther in his article on snakes in the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 1881, p. 190, says: "Snakes are the most stationary of all vertebrates; as long as a locality affords them a sufficiency of food and shelter to which they can readily retreat, they have no inducement to change it. Their dispersal therefore must have been extremely slow and gradual." Again on p. 194 he remarks in direct allusion to the forms under discussion: "Some of the small species have a wide range, having been probably transported by accident on floating objects to distant countries." It seems hardly credible that so small and delicate an organism as *T. braminus* would live under the peculiar conditions to which travel on some "floating object" would subject it; yet it is possibly sometimes carried about with bulbs and roots transported by man. The oft-quoted story of a boa floating two hundred miles from the coast of South America to the Island of St. Vincent, twisted round the trunk of a "cedar tree," has little bearing on the possible dispersal of a Typhlops. South American rivers more than any others are prone to float great matted masses of vegetation to sea, and this occurs quite frequently during the heavy rains. This, however, could hardly ever occur in the case of the greater Indian rivers, for instance; for their courses now, at any rate, lie largely through even plains, perhaps deforested by man for cultivation,—but also largely through sandy wastes. The Irrawaddy does frequently carry down considerable masses of vegetation, but these are not buoyant, and are wave-beaten and saturated with sea-water as soon as they emerge from the delta into the Bay of Bengal. Flotsam carries with it but few terrestrial animals compared to what was once supposed.

Possibly this archaic form, or ancestors of this form, followed some such route of dispersal as Osborn has figured for the elephants (*cf.* *Century mag.*, 79, p. 829, map). That this form itself dispersed and not its ancestors, seems likely from the fact that no definitive variation occurs within the species itself.

During a visit to Calcutta it was a matter of great interest to learn of the newly discovered *T. braminus arenicola* Annandale (*Mem. Asiat. soc. Bengal*, 1, p. 192). This is a peculiar, almost pigmentless, form from "the desert tract of Southern India" in the district of Madura. Dr. Annandale describes two

new species (*Typhlops limbrickii* and *T. psammophilus*), pallid forms also, from this region; and also remarks on the pale color of various desert species in comparison with their relatives. We can conceive that, were this area as isolated as is the island of Socotra, the local race of *T. braminus* would be differentiated, as is *T. socotranus*. In this area of Ramanad we must allow for a more or less constant influx of typical individuals from outside the desert, and this of course reduces the rate of change. Dr. Annandale adds some interesting notes on the habits of *T. braminus*. A living specimen which he kept in an insect cage ate the excreta of caterpillars, and he adds that this very individual was taken from a stick of sugarcane at a considerable height from the ground, where it was living in the tunnel made by some boring caterpillar.

***Typhlops polygrammicus* SCHLEGEL.**

SCHLEGEL, Abbild. Amphib., 1839, dec. 2, p. 40, pl. 32, fig. 35-38. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, 1, p. 34-35.

Type locality: — Timor.

This species, which has the interesting distribution of Australia and Timor, is represented here by a single example taken in Portuguese Timor, and obtained in exchange from the American museum of natural history.

***Typhlops flaviventer* PETERS.**

PETERS, Mon. Berl. akad., 1864, p. 271. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, 1, p. 25.

Type locality: — Ternate Island, Moluccas.

This species was taken but once during about a week of collecting in Ternate, March, 1907. It is very similar in habits to *T. braminus*, but appears more active when disturbed. In life the upper surface is blue-black with iridescence, and the lower surface is chrome-yellow. The edge of the darker color appears sharply serrate, due to the corners of the first row of yellow scales being visible between the corners of the scales of the lowest dark row. The lighter color becomes somewhat diffuse over the upper surface of the head and the tip of the tail. In life the body is strongly depressed, and the creature usually rests rather tightly coiled.

This species is known only from this group of islands: —

Ternate, where von Martens took the type, and where Bruijn took the series reported on by Peters and Doria.

Batjan, one specimen taken by Beccari, the famous companion of d'Albertis in exploration of the Dutch East Indies.

Halmahera, collection of W. Kükenthal (Boettger, Zool. anz., 1895, 18, p. 129)

Peters and Doria (Ann. Mus. civ. Genova, 1878, 13, p. 384) write the following on the history of this species:—"Questa specie fu descritta da Peters sopra un unico esemplare raccolto a Ternate dal dott. von Martens. Appunto da questa localita il sig. Bruijn ce ne ha inviato una bella serie d'individui e cio ci fu credere che esse vi debba essere piuttosto abbondante. Il Beccari poi ce ne fece avere un esemplare raccolto a Bacian."

The term Molucca Islands, as used for the habitat of this form, is used in the old strict term. Formerly only the islands whence came cloves and nutmegs,— viz. that small chain on the western coast of the large island of Halmahera,— were known by this name. Now the term is used to designate the Dutch Residency, which embraces all the islands from Halmahera and Morotai on or north of the equator, to the distant groups of the Ke, Aru, Tenimbar or Timor-Laut, and Sermata Islands. These lie far to the south, and the extreme southwestern islands meet the chains of the Lesser Sunda Islands.

It is probable that this species will be taken on Tidor and the islets between it and Batjan, unless exterminated by the widespread and rather constant or frequent volcanic activity.

***Python reticulatus* (SCHNEIDER).**

SCHNEIDER, Hist. Amphib., 1801, 2, p. 264. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, 1, p. 85-86.

Type locality:— not given.

This Python, which apparently grows larger than any other, is common throughout its extensive range. It is especially abundant in western Java. Everywhere it is essentially a deep forest species, wandering occasionally, however, into cultivated areas.

The geographical distribution of this and other members of the genus is of great interest. *P. reticulatus* is now known from the following islands, as well as from Burma, and the Malay and Indo-Chinese Peninsulas:— Java (M. C. Z.); Sumatra (Werner, Verh. Zool. bot. ges. Wien, 1896, 46, p. 13); Borneo (Blgr., loc. cit.); Philippines (Blgr., loc. cit.); Celebes (Peters & Doria, Ann. Mus. civ. Genova, 1878, 13, p. 399); Ceram (M. C. Z.); Ambon, Ternate, and Halmahera (Peters & Doria, loc. cit., and M. C. Z.); Timor-Laut (Blgr., loc. cit.); and more recently it has been taken on Great Natuna Island (Blgr., loc. cit., 1896, 3, p. 592). Six Javan examples from Buitenzorg and Depok, five from the Bryant collection, have an average scale-formula of $72\frac{298}{102}$.

Python bivittatus SCHLEGEL.

SCHLEGEL, Essai phys. Serp. 1837, **3**, p. 403, pl. 15, figs. 1-2. WERNER, Zool. jahrb. Syst., 1909, **28**, 3, p. 273.

Type locality:— not mentioned.

The distribution of this form in the Indonesian area was long considered limited to Java and Celebes. For a long time it was not definitely recorded from Sumatra. While this island is by no means completely known herpetologically, it is strange that so conspicuous a form, if it existed there, should have gone so long undiscovered. It is, however, rare in Java compared to *P. reticulatus*, and possibly has been taken in Sumatra by travellers who mistook it for this more common form. Werner (Zool. garten, 1899, **40**, p. 24) has named a race which is distinguished by its dark, rich coloration,— viz. *P. m. sondaica*. This was based on a living specimen in Hagenbeck's possession which was said to be from Sumatra. Javan examples seem to merit this racial name, and until other Sumatran specimens are found, we may consider it applicable to Javan examples only.

Chondropython viridis (SCHLEGEL).

SCHLEGEL, Dierentuin Rept., 1872, p. 54. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, **1**, p. 90-91.

Type locality:— Aru Islands.

Color in life brilliant green with an irregular series of creamy yellow spots scattered along the whole dorsal region of the body and tail. Each of these spots covers a single scale. The ventral surface is chrome-yellow. Boulenger (*loc. cit.*) notes that the color may also be "brick red with bluish, black-edged spots"; this seems to be a rare coloration. The young apparently also show dichromatism; Boulenger writes, "young pinkish or yellowish, with purplish or reddish-brown markings; lower parts yellowish white." Boettger, however, has figured a small specimen from southeastern New Guinea which has the typical coloration of the adult first described (*cf.* O. Boettger in Semon's Reise, **5**, 1, p. 120, taf. 5, fig. 3). Peters and Doria (Ann. Mus. civ. Genova, 1878, **13**, p. 403-404) have examined a considerable series of examples of this Python, and do not speak of any but the typical coloration:— viz. green spotted with yellow. The scale formula runs 51-61, rows; 227-241, ventrals; 75-109, subcaudals. In habits this species is a rather slow-moving, inoffensive, nocturnal creature. It is much sought after by the Papuans as an article of food.

This beautiful form, which, with the genera Aspidites and Calabaria, seems to approach the boas in that they lack premaxillary teeth, is one of the generic types which have been evolved from some widely spread generalized pythonine

forms, each in a comparatively circumscribed area. Besides occurring in the Aru Islands, whence the type came, the species occurs on the mainland of Papua, and on the islands of Geelvink Bay. Most specimens have come from the Arfak district, Dutch Papua; and in southern Papua we first hear of it in Boettger's (*loc. cit.*) report on Semon's collection. Peters and Doria (*loc. cit.*) record it also from the Dutch Papuan mainland, and also from Ansoes (Ansus), Jobi (Japen or Jappen) Island; and from Kordo (Korido) on Misori (Wiak or Biak) Island, one of the Schouten group. These last records are under the synonymous name *C. azureus* Mayer.

***Enygrus asper* (GÜNTHER).**

GÜNTHER, Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1877, p. 132, pl. 21. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, 1, p. 109.

Type locality:—Duke of York Island, near New Ireland.

A fine specimen of this striking snake from New Britain is M. C. Z. 6,282. This species is now known from a great part of Papua and various islands of the so-called Bismarek Archipelago.

***Enygrus bibronii* HOMBR. ET JACQ.**

SCHNEIDER, Hist. Amphib., 1801, 2, p. 261. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, 1, p. 107-109.

Type locality:—unknown.

The colors of this form are exceedingly variable, and the color-phases seem to have no relation to its geographical range. As regards its habits, it is essentially a tree-dwelling form. Sluggish and inoffensive when handled, its actions call to mind those of living examples of *Kropidophis* or *Eryx*. If disturbed after being placed on the ground, it rolls itself up into a tight ball, remaining thus for some time. When left alone, however, it slowly pushes out its head, gradually uncoils, and moves off into the brush. While visiting Djamna Island off Dutch Papua several examples were observed at rest, during daytime. These were all tightly coiled about small twigs springing directly from the trunk of a good-sized tree, the snake resting against the main trunk. With the tree-boas of the West Indies it is more common to find them resting loosely coiled at the crotch formed by several large limbs.

The early history of this species is of some interest. It was known as early as 1735, when Seba figured it. Then Schneider described it in 1801. Although he had examined eight specimens, he knew whence none came. Daudin (Hist. nat. rept., 5, p. 222) in 1803 again described it, but followed Schneider, as there were no specimens in Paris. Schneider discussed it again in 1821 (Denkschr. Akad. wiss. München, 7, p. 118), noting that Merrem (Ann. Wetten. ges., 1810,

2, p. 60, pl. 9) has also had specimens with no locality. In 1837, however, Schlegel (*Essai phys. Serp.*, 2, p. 397, pl. 14, fig. 12-13) tells us that he knows of its occurrence in Ambon, Saparua, and the west coast of Papua. The latter locality was just beginning to be visited by the Dutch. Saparua is rather seldom visited to this day, though for a while of considerable importance as a clove-producing locality; nevertheless it was decidedly secondary to Ambon in commercial importance. As it was from Ambon that so many of the early collections of natural history objects were sent to Holland, it seems most probable that the types came from there.

Gray (Griffith's *Animal kingdom*, 1831, 9, p. 97) states that the species comes from India; but this statement is untrustworthy.

As we know it now, this species has a wide range over Papuasias. It has been recorded from the following, and doubtless other, localities: — Dutch Papua, Mansinam, Doreh, Sorong, Andai, Ansus, Jobi Island; Korido, Wiak Island; also Batanta, Salawati, and Mysol Islands; it is also found about Huon Gulf in southeastern Papua. Among the Moluccas it has been taken in Ambon, Ceram, Timor-Laut, Ternate, and Halmahera. Among the Solomon groups on the following islands: — Faro, Shortland, Treasury, Florida, San Cristoval, Ugi, and Santa Anna. It occurs on Normenby and Rossel Islands among the Louisiades, and also in the Pelew group, this latter being the type locality for the synonym *E. superciliaris* (Günther, *Ann. mag. nat. hist.*, 1863, ser. 3, 7, p. 360, pl. 6, fig. 2).

The specimens which have been examined here are from Ceram Island and Djamna Island in Papua, and were taken during 1906-1907. Two specimens from the latter very small islet are extreme examples of the color-phases which Boulenger has designated A and C. The squamation of all these specimens is included in the range of variation which Boulenger has shown to exist. It may be added that Méhely (*Termes. füzetek*, 1895, 18, p. 132) notes that a specimen from Astrolabe Bay falls under Boulenger's group B. Boettger (*Berl. Offenb. ver.*, 1892, p. 152) has also studied specimens from southeastern Papua.

***Cylindrophis rufus* (LAURENTI).**

LAURENTI, *Syn. Rept.*, 1768, p. 71. "*Anguis ruffa*" (sic). BOULENGER, *Cat. snakes Brit. mus.*, 1893, 1, p. 135-136.

Type locality: — "Surinam"; in the Museum Gronovianum.

No geographical races seem to occur in the rather wide range of this species. Specimens from Java may have their scales in either 19 or 21 rows, and the range of their ventral and subcaudal scale-counts is the same as that of specimens from

the mainland. This species is doubtless common, though difficult to find, in the vicinity of Buitenzorg. It is usually found burrowing in leaf-mould, or under the loose bark of a decaying forest tree. The brilliant red of the under surface of the tail is lost very soon after preservation in spirits. This form occurs over southeastern Asia, and on Sumatra, Java, Borneo, and Celebes. Among a few purchased snakes, which were said to have come from Ternate, are several specimens with no unusual features as regards color or squamation.

The curious habit which this form, as well as *Doliophis intestinalis*, has of exposing the red under surface of the tail, has been well described and figured by Flower (Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1899, p. 656-657, pl. 37). I had excellent opportunity to verify these observations, with which my own agree. It should be added, however, that the Javanese have not the fear of either of these serpents which seems to be held by the Peninsula Malays. (Boulenger, Fasc. Malay. Zool., 1903, 1, p. 169-170. Annandale's field notes).

***Xenopeltis unicolor* REINWARDT.**

REINWARDT in BOIE, Isis, 1827, p. 564. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, 1, p. 168-169.

Type locality: — Java.

Bryant got one example at Buitenzorg. It is typical in every way. Schlegel (Essai phys. Serp., 1837, 2, p. 20) says: "Le *Xenopeltis* est un des serpens les plus rares de l'île de Java, ou le professeur Reinwardt l'a decouvert le premier; il a ete depuis retrouve par nos voyageurs a Sumatra et a ete egalement envoye de Celebe au Musee de Paris." Rare it certainly is, for up to 1907 the Buitenzorg museum had no specimens, and I was quite unable to find the species myself.

***Chersydrus granulatus* (SCHNEIDER).**

SCHNEIDER, Hist. Amphib., 1799, 1, p. 243. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, 1, p. 174.

Type locality: — unknown.

This form is barely separable generically from its doubtless very near ally, *Acrochordus javanicus* Hornstedt. Except for the greater compression of body and tail and the elevation of a few series of ventral scales to form a median ventral fold, these forms are extremely similar in both internal and external morphology. It seems probable that a critical review of the five known genera of Acrochordinae would reduce *Chersydrus* to subgeneric rank. This can not be undertaken now on account of lack of material. All of the other genera, except *Acrochordus* and *Chersydrus* are very rare in collections. *C. granulatus* is generally common in brackish or salt-water. At Makassar, Celebes, it may be found at almost any time crawling slowly on the filthy floor of the "passer

ikan" (fish market), beneath the platforms on which the Buginese fishermen expose their catch for sale. They probably drop from the nets which the fishermen bring to the market to mend and dry during the latter part of the day, after their catch has either been sold, or has spoiled from the heat. They do not live more than a few hours out of water, and are always extremely inactive and offer no resistance when handled. The fishermen at Makassar are not at all afraid of them; but in Batavia they are considered deadly by the Malay fishermen. Young specimens have the body more compressed and are of more brilliant color than adults. In specimens about one foot in length the depth of body is nearly 2.5 times the thickness. Adults are barely compressed at all. It has been impossible to examine anything but adult specimens of *Acrochordus javanicus*, and the condition seen in the young of this species would be of the greatest interest. In *C. granulatus* the young are boldly striped with vertical bars of black and light buff. In many cases the light bands do not cross the dorsal region. In adults the black becomes a dull brown, and the light regions of the young show only a faint irregular triangle of dirty lighter brown on the sides.

This species has a wide distribution along the coasts of India and south-eastern Asia, and throughout the Indonesian area to and including New Guinea. It seems generally distributed.

***Sibynophis geminatus* (BOIE).¹**

BOIE, *Isis*, 1826, p. 211. BOULENGER, *Cat. snakes Brit. mus.*, 1893, **1**, p. 185.

Type locality: — Java (*fide* Schlegel).

Bryant had two individuals, both from Buitenzorg. This is another very rare snake in western Java. These individuals were typical in every way, and their scale-counts fell well within the limits set by Boulenger.

***Natrix mairii* (GRAY).**

GRAY, *Grey's Journals Australia*, 1841, **2**, p. 442. BOULENGER, *Ann. Mus. civ. Genova*, 1898, **38**, p. 703.

Type locality: — New Holland.

Boulenger (*loc. cit.*) in reporting on Loria's collection from British New Guinea takes occasion to point out that this valid species, along with several others, had been long wrongly buried in the synonymy of *N. picturata* (Schl.).

Two examples from Fak Fak, Dutch New Guinea, collected by A. E. Pratt, agree well with this species as now restricted.

¹ For use of the name *cf.* Stejneger, *Proc. U. S. nat. mus.*, 1910, **38**, p. 102.

Natrix trianguligera (BOIE).

BOIE, Isis, 1827, p. 535. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, 1, p. 224-225.

Type locality: — West Java (*fide* Schlegel).

Serpents of this species, together with *N. subminiata* and *N. vittata*, are the common water-snakes of the rice-fields of Java. The species under consideration is probably rather less common than the other two, which are both about equally abundant. Before me are ten specimens from Buitenzorg, March-April, 1907, and five from Buitenzorg and one from Depok in the Bryant collection. About half of all the adults of these common species of *Natrix* have their tails bitten off, evidently the work of turtles. *N. trianguligera* shows in its coloration three distinct growth stages. (1) In the freshly hatched young the back is olive-brown, faintly barred and mottled; the throat and anterior half of the belly are dull yellow, with a coppery tinge; this color extends up between the lateral triangular markings of the olive; the tail is encircled by many complete black-brown rings; the ground color of the ventral surface of the tail and the posterior half of the belly is ivory-white. (2) In half-grown examples we find a red blotch situated between the dark lateral markings on the anterior part of the body, while on the posterior part the markings become indistinct. (3) In fully adult specimens the whole dorsal and lateral surfaces become mottled olive, the lateral triangular spots show as faint darker areas. The whole lower surface of body and tail becomes white. The rings under the tail show only as the faintest dark lines.

All of the specimens show great uniformity in the number of ventral scales. The range is 137-143, and the average 140; on the other hand the number of subcaudals may vary greatly; the range 67-99 exceeds by five that given by Boulenger for specimens from widely separated localities. The single specimen from Java in the British museum had scales 139-69. Speaking generally from Boulenger's figures, the Bornean specimens seem to average lower and Sumatran higher in scale numbers than the Javan. But nothing conclusive can be said without far larger numbers.

This snake has a wide range, from Burma and Malaya to Sumatra, Nias, Java, and Borneo.

Natrix sancti-johannis (BOULENGER).

BOULENGER, Fauna Brit. India. Rept. Batr., 1890, p. 350; Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, 1, p. 230, pl. 15, fig. 1.

A single very large specimen of this species from a pond near Lucknow, United Provinces, India, November, 1907. This form, judging from this and

other examples apparently of this species from the Koolloo Valley in the collection of the Museum, while evidently nearly related to *Natrix piscator*, seems too distinct to be relegated to subspecific rank unless it can be shown to intergrade with this species. The smooth, or nearly smooth, dorsal scales, and the smooth rows near the ventrals seem constant characters. The fourth labial only enters the orbit generally but according to Boulenger it is not always alone in doing so.

***Natrix piscator* (SCHNEIDER).**

SCHNEIDER, Hist. Amphib., 1799, **1**, p. 247. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, **1**, p. 230-232.
STEJNEGER, Bull. 58, U. S. nat. mus., 1907, p. 288-291.

Type locality: — India.

Six specimens of this species were taken at Buitenzorg, Java, and all belong to var. C of Boulenger; as do also five from Daroe, Bantam, and fifteen from Depok, in the Bryant collection. Two from Java, and one from Borneo, were in the British museum. There were three other specimens (vars. A and B) in the same collection, also said to be from Java. These Javanese specimens were all taken by Horsfeld. Now, excepting this lot, which may be from some other locality, it seems probable that all Indonesian examples belong to this race. All the examples in the Buitenzorg museum did, if I remember correctly, and all that Werner reported from Sumatra (Verh. Zool. bot. ges. Wien, 1896, **46**, p. 14). It is, I think, quite certain that the race is confined to this area. We may then designate it correctly as *N. p. melanozosta* (Boie).

In Java it is rare as compared to the Indian form, which seems to occur widely spread (*cf.* list of localities for British museum examples, Boulenger, *loc. cit.*). In the M. C. Z. there are many examples from the Koolloo Valley, from Madras, and from Calcutta. Dr. Stejneger writes me that a specimen which I sent for his examination is indistinguishable from a cotype of Hallowell's, *N. flavipunctata*; the example came from Ting-an, Hainan. Boulenger and Stejneger agree that this species from Canton is synonymous with *N. piscator*.

The range of this snake extends from India to the Malay Peninsula, Siam, south and Cochin China; also to Java, Sumatra, and Borneo.

The six Buitenzorg specimens mentioned above have their ventral scalation as follows: — V. 134, C. 80; V. 145, C. 67; V. 140, C. ?; V. 147, C. 72; V. 149, C. 68; the five Daru, Bantam, examples: — V. 139, C. 79; V. 137, C. ?; V. 143, C. ?; V. 137, C. 89; V. 139, C. 72; and the Depok fifteen: — V. 128, C. 77; V. 142, C. 67; V. 143, C. 69; V. 132, C. 72; V. 145, C. 66; V. 141, C. 72; V. 141, C. ?; V. 141, C. 67; V. 145, C. 73; V. 140, C. 52; V. 144, C. ?; V. 147, C. ?; V. 139, C. 70; V. 134, C. 78. The lepidosis does not afford any basis for the

racial separation which has been made on the ground of the great distinctness of color. The body of the largest specimen is 21'' long, and the tail 8''.

Flower (Proc. Zool. soc., London, 1896, p. 660) gives some important notes which tend to show that var. B is also a local race which should be recognized by a subspecific name.

Natrix stolata (LINNÉ).

LINNÉ, Syst. nat., ed. 10, 1758, 1, p. 219. STEJNEGER, Bull. 58, U. S. nat. mus., 1907, p. 280-283.

Type locality: — "America."

A specimen of this species was taken near Lucknow, India, November, 1907, in the act of swallowing a frog (*Rana tigerina*). In the Museum collections a large number are preserved from various localities in India, especially from near Umballa. The Rev. M. M. Carlton sent large collections of Indian reptiles to this institution from that locality. Boettger (Ber. Senck. nat. ges., 1894, p. 132) records seven specimens from Hainan. These certainly average higher in number of scales than Indian or even Formosan specimens. Thus, for eight examples from Hainan the average is 150 for ventrals and 79 for subcaudals; range, V. 148-152, C. 76-81. According to Boulenger's statistics (Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, 1, p. 254) Indian specimens range as follows: — V. 120-158, C. 50-87. The average, however, is far lower than for the Hainan series. Stejneger's data for Formosan specimens (*loc. cit.*), thirteen in number, show no evidence of any peculiar local conditions; these range: — V. 142-150, C. 65-81. Curiously specimens from Nepaul, the Khasi Hills, and Himalayas, average a little higher than do the Hainan specimens, which come next in average number of scales; then follow Formosan and Chinese, and then specimens from Lower India and Ceylon.

Known from India and Ceylon to the Philippines and Formosa. It is not certainly known from the Dutch East Indies. There is, however, in the British museum a specimen said to be from Borneo. Boulenger doubts the accuracy of this record.

From its wide continuous range and general prevalence, this species is probably one of those whose migration has been comparatively recent; and it is probably still in process of actively increasing its range.

Natrix vittata (LINNÉ).

LINNÉ, Syst. nat., ed. 10, 1758, 1, p. 219. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, 1, p. 255.

Type locality: — "America."

Fifteen specimens from Buitenzorg; and, in the Bryant series, ten from Buitenzorg, eight from Depok, and six from Daroe, Bantam. The range of

counts for the ventral scales is slightly increased by this series over what Boulenger gave, viz. V. 138–155; C. 47–85. The anal is divided in all examples except one. The coloration of this species shows no marked variation between young and adult.

This water-snake is locally abundant in the “sawas” or rice-fields. It feeds on frogs and small fish. My records do not show that it was seen at altitudes of more than 1,000 feet.

This form is known from the Malay Peninsula, Java, and Celebes.

***Natrix subminiata* (SCHLEGEL).**

SCHLEGEL, *Essai phys. Serp.*, 1837, 2, p. 313. BOULENGER, *Cat. snakes Brit. mus.*, 1893, 1, p. 256–257.

Type locality:—Java.

A comparison of the scale-counts which Boulenger has given for specimens from a number of widely separated localities with the conditions in a series of thirty-six specimens obtained about Buitenzorg, Java, during January, March, and April, 1907, and eighteen from the same place taken by Bryant, points strongly to the existence of geographic races within the species. Thus, specimens from the type locality, have 143.8 as an average number of ventral scales, and 70.3 for subcaudals. Ventrals range from 136 to 147, and subcaudals from 64 to 74, in the Buitenzorg material mentioned above; U. S. nat. mus. 5425 (141–73); several specimens mentioned by Boulenger (*loc. cit.*); four recorded by Boettger (Semon's *Reise. Zool.*, 1899, 5, 1, p. 123); and four in this Museum also from Java,—a total of sixty-eight Javan examples.

This species in its distribution recalls that of *Agkistrodon rhodostoma* and *Geoclemys trijuga*, since it is unknown in both Sumatra and Borneo.

We pass on now to specimens which have been recorded by Boulenger from Tenasserim, Siam, Lao Mountains, and Camboja: seven specimens have as an average number 150.4 ventrals and 77.3 subcaudals. The range of ventrals is 144–157; and that of subcaudals, 73–82. Flower, however, has recorded (*Proc. Zool. soc. London*, 1899, p. 662–663) six specimens from Bangkok with ventrals averaging 146, and subcaudals 71, the ranges of ventrals being 138–151, and subcaudals 70–73. These combined give an average, viz. 148.2 and 74, higher than that of the Javan specimens, although the range is not widely different.

Specimens from Hong Kong recorded by Boulenger average V. 138, C. 71.3; range V. 132–143, C. 68–76; while others again from India and the Shan States average V. 165.4, C. 79.7; range V. 163–166, C. 75–86. The specimen in the British museum taken by the *Challenger* at Ternate has V. 147, C. 70. Finally,

we know from Celebes a specimen described by Günther (Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1873, p. 170) as *Tropidonotus manadensis*, which had an unusual formula, V. 139, C. 76. This is certainly not specifically distinct from *N. subminiata*, but more material might establish a race in Celebes, as also others in Malaya and Siam, as well as China and India. The limited material now available makes the naming of these forms at present unwise.

One Buitenzorg specimen combines unusual variations,—the presence of two preoculars and seven supralabials, of which the third and fourth only enter the orbit.

Since writing the above statement I have received from the Indian museum, thanks to Dr. Nelson Annandale, two specimens of this species; one from Samagooting, Assam, with a count of V. 172, C. 83; and another from the Northern Shan States of Burma, with a count of V. 166, C. 81. The latter snake is twice as large as the largest Javan individual I have seen.

Natrix chrysarga (SCHLEGEL).

SCHLEGEL, Essai phys. Serp., 1837, 2, p. 312, pl. 12, fig. 6-7. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, 1, p. 258-259.

Type locality:—West Java.

The Bryant collection contains three examples of this water-snake:—one from Gunung Bunder, Mt. Salak, Java, with V. 166, C. 60; and two from Tjibodas, Java, V. 154, 155; C. ?, 77. In all there are nineteen rows of scales. This narrow range for these three specimens comes far within that given by Boulenger.

Natrix maculata (EDELING).

EDELING, Nederl. Tijds. Dierk., 1864, 2, p. 203. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, 1, p. 260.

Type locality:—Bandjermasin, Borneo.

A specimen, M. C. Z. 7307 (T. Barbour), came from northern Sumatra. It agrees well with Boulenger's description so far as squamation is concerned, but differs in coloration. There are black blotches on each side of the neck, and but two dorsal rows of dark spots, generally alternating in position. There is a black spot at each end of every ventral shield.

Brachyorrhus albus (LINNÉ).

LINNÉ, Syst. nat., ed. 10, 1758, 1, p. 218. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, 1, p. 305-306.

Type locality:—"Habitat in Indiis."

Four specimens of this variable form are in hand,—three from Ternate, and one from Ambon. They were all taken by Malay helpers; and it is, unfortunately, impossible to offer any notes on either habits or habitat.

In the example from Ambon the preocular is present on both sides; in one of those from Ternate it is absent on both sides, being fused with prefrontals; while in another it is present on one side and absent on the other. The color when freshly taken was a beautiful rich brown with plumbeous iridescence, fading on the sides and becoming a rich yellowish cream color on the ventral surface. The Ambon and one of the Ternate specimens have the characteristic dusky midventral stripe under the tail. It is lacking in another specimen from Ternate. A young one is characteristically distinct in coloration.

This snake is recorded from Java, where according to Schlegel (*Essai phys. Serp.*, 1837, 2, p. 33) it is very rare. This is a definite statement, certainly, but undoubtedly incorrect. The other localities are Timor, Ambon, Halma-hera, Ternate, New Guinea, and Jappen (or Jobi) Island. It is apparently nowhere common.

There is no available material by which to determine whether *B. jobiensis* (Meyer) is a valid species or not. According to Boulenger, the fusing of the internasals is not a constant character. Peters and Doria permitted it to stand as a distinct species provisionally, or until more material was available. It probably represents a local race at least; this fusion of scales does not apparently occur in specimens from other than the Papuan localities.

***Elapoides fuscus* BOIE.**

BOIE, *Isis*, 1827, p. 579. BOULENGER, *Cat. snakes Brit. mus.*, 1893, 1, p. 307.

Type locality: — Java.

This is a species which seems to be confined to the Javan highlands. Two specimens, var. A of Boulenger, were taken in April, 1907, near Sindanglaia, at about 5,000 feet above sea-level; and there is one from Tjibodas, near by, in the Bryant collection. The native collector who brought in the two snakes said that they were found in ponds. There are several such ponds in ancient craters at high levels. The native did not distinguish these creatures from *Enhydris*; I imagine their habits are similar. Of the six species in the British museum, three,—all those having definite data,—came from Kediri, Java, at 5,000 ft. elevation. This adds weight to my own observation, and to those of Major Ouwens of Buitenzorg, who very frequently spoke of the great dissimilarity of faunae between the Botanical Garden at Buitenzorg and the Mountain Station, near which these snakes were taken.

Known only from Java and Sumatra.

Lycodon subcinctus BOIE.

BOIE, *Isis*, 1827, p. 551. BOULENGER, *Cat. snakes Brit. mus.*, 1893, **1**, p. 359-360.

Type locality: — Java (*vide* Schlegel, *Essai phys. Serp.*, 1837, **2**, p. 117).

In the Museum there are three specimens of this species from Batavia; and there is one in the Bryant collection, from Depok, with perfectly smooth dorsals, but otherwise typical. The apparent absence of this species from Buitenzorg or higher altitudes would make it seem almost certain that it is most common in, if not entirely confined to, the coastal lowlands. In each case eight supralabials are present, and there is no preocular; in two the anal is divided, while in the third it is entire.

Range: — Malay Peninsula, Great Sunda Islands (except Celebes), Philippines.

Lycodon striatus (SHAW).

SHAW, *Gen. zool.*, 1802, **3**, p. 527. BOULENGER, *Cat. snakes Brit. mus.*, 1893, **1**, p. 349-350.

Type locality: — India.

This Museum has specimens of this generally scarce form from various localities in India. It is also known from Transcaspia and Ceylon.

Lycodon aulicus (LINNÉ).

LINNÉ, *Syst. nat.*, ed. 10, 1758, **1**, p. 220. BOULENGER, *Cat. snakes Brit. mus.*, 1893, **1**, p. 352-354.

Type locality: — "Habitat in America."

This form is one of the most widely distributed of Asiatic reptiles, as well as one of the most variable in coloration. In many parts of India it is extremely abundant, notably in the vicinity of Lucknow, where it was common during November, 1907, in swampy lowlands, especially near ponds and tanks. There are in the collection here specimens from Pondicherry, Madras, Amballa, Bombay, Lucknow, in India; Pegu and Rangoon, in Burma; Ceylon; Singapore; Bangkok, Siam; Java, Philippine Islands, and Bourbon. In the last locality it was undoubtedly introduced, probably very early, as the specimen here is an old one obtained by exchange from Dumeril. There is a specimen from the same locality recorded by Boulenger in the British museum. This species, judging from several stomachs contents, feeds almost exclusively on scincoid lizards. It may be noted that the extent of contact between loreal and inter-nasal varies extremely in individuals. They are always in contact, but frequently only to a slight extent.

Range: — India and Ceylon to Cochin China; through the Malay Archipelago, as far east as Celebes and Timor.

A specimen taken at Buitenzorg, April, 1907, belongs to Boulenger's var. D;

color, slaty with a diffuse network of white lines. A specimen (M. C. Z., No. 3,055), from Batavia, is almost uniform brown with a white collar. Five Bryant specimens from Buitenzorg and one from Depok are also the same in color as var. D of Boulenger. They may be known as *L. aulicus capucinus* Boie.

***Stegonotus cucullatus* (DUM. ET BIBR.).**

DUMERIL ET BIBRON, *Erpet. gen.*, 1854, **7**, p. 376. BOULENGER, *Cat. snakes Brit. mus.*, 1893, **1**, p. 365.

Type locality: — Dorey, Dutch New Guinea.

Two fine examples of this Papuan species were in a small collection obtained from that excellent zoölogical collector, Mr. A. E. Pratt. He took them at Fak Fak, in western Dutch New Guinea.

***Stegonotus modestus* (SCHLEGEL).**

SCHLEGEL, *Essai phys. Serp.*, 1837, **2**, p. 119, pl. 4, fig. 16-17. BOULENGER, *Cat. snakes Brit. mus.*, 1893, **1**, p. 366.

Type locality: — Ambon. Schlegel definitely mentions this type locality for the only specimen which he had for description and figuring. He simply mentions *passim* that the Paris museum had a snake, apparently similar, taken by Lesson and Garnot in the forests of New Guinea near Dorey Bay. This specimen was the very one which served Dumeril and Bibron for the type of their *Lycodon cucullatus*.

In the collection made by Pratt at Fak Fak, New Guinea, there were two large examples of this rather widespread species.

***Zaocys carinatus* (GÜNTHER).**

GÜNTHER, *Cat. snakes Brit. mus.*, 1858, p. 112. BOULENGER, *Cat. snakes Brit. mus.*, 1893, **1**, p. 377, pl. 27, fig. 1.

Type locality: — not specified.

It was a great surprise to find two adults of this species from Depok, Java, in the Bryant collection. Both are quite typical, except for the presence of nine supralabials on the left side of the head of one of them. In this case the fifth and sixth supralabials enter the eye, while ordinarily this is done by the fourth and fifth.

Boulenger gave the range for this species as Borneo, Sumatra, and the Malay Peninsula; I have found no previous Javan records for its occurrence. It is evidently very rare, and of local distribution.

***Ptyas korros* (SCHLEGEL).**

SCHLEGEL, *Essai phys. Serp.*, 1837, **2**, p. 139. STEJNEGER, *Bull.* 58, U. S. nat. mus., 1907, p. 348-349.

Type locality: — Java.

This species is abundant about Buitenzorg. Nine examples were taken

there during March and April, 1907. Bryant also took ten there, one at Daroe Bantam and five at Depok. All of these fall in with the characters which Stejneger (*loc. cit.*, p. 345) has used in his key. "Scale rows 15; scale rows a head length anterior to vent 11; ventrals less than 185."

Known from Asia, from northern India to southern China southward; also from Sumatra and Java.

None of the smaller of these specimens, say from two to two and a half feet long, have any traces of the cross-bands composed of transverse series of pearl-shaped spots, which, according to Stejneger, the young are said to possess. The Malay name is *Ular Kar-rus*.

P. mucosus (Linné) was not observed in Java; nor did Bryant find a specimen in his long collecting.

***Xenelaphis hexagonotus* (CANTOR).**

CANTOR, Cat. Malay. rept., 1847, p. 74. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., II, 1894, p. 8.

Type locality:—"the great Hill of Pinang."

The only Insulindian individual examined is one which Bryant got at Buitenzorg. Its ventral count, 178, is seven less than the lowest number given by Boulenger, while the subcaudals number five less, or 140. This again is one of the rarest of west Javan snakes.

***Gonyosoma oxycephala* (BOIE).**

BOIE, Isis, 1827, p. 537. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, 2, p. 56-57.

Type locality:—Java, collection of Reinwardt.

This beautiful serpent is not uncommon about Buitenzorg. Four specimens were caught during March, 1907; and Bryant also took several specimens in or near Buitenzorg and Depok. During the daytime this species seems to spend much of its time tightly coiled up in trees; but if disturbed it will become extremely aggressive, and can move and strike with wonderful rapidity. It is a very quick-tempered snake.

It is evident that the range of this species is either very incompletely known as yet, or else the distribution took place at so remote a period that the form has had time to die out in many areas. It is known from the eastern Himalayas, Tenasserim, Philippines, the lower part of the Malay Peninsula, Borneo, Natuna, and Java.

Elaphe melanura (SCHLEGEL).

SCHLEGEL, *Essai phys. Serp.*, 1837, **3**, p. 141, pl. 5, fig. 11-12. BOULENGER, *Cat. snakes Brit. mus.*, 1894, **2**, p. 60-61.

Type locality:—probably Java was the locality whence the first specimens came, but Schlegel states that specimens from Sumatra and Celebes were in the Leyden museum at the time of his writing. He states that Reinwardt took two specimens, these were probably his Javan examples.

I found this species rare in Java; a single young specimen only was taken on the mountain slopes above Tjibodas; while Bryant got four at Buitenzorg, two on Mt. Salak at 2,200 feet, and one on Mt. Gede near Tjibodas. It has a median dorsal stripe of brilliant lemon-yellow beginning on the head and running about one third the length of the body. No. 2,197 M. C. Z. is an adult from Java identified by Jan and received from Dumeril.

This species occurs on the mainland in Burma, southern China, and the Malay Peninsula; among the islands it has recently been taken on Sumatra, Nias, Borneo, and Java. The specimens spoken of by Schlegel from Celebes were undoubtedly *E. erythrura* (Dum. & Bibr.).

Dendrophis pictus (GMELIN).

GMELIN, *Syst. nat.*, 1769, **1**, p. 1116. BOULENGER, *Cat. snakes Brit. mus.*, 1894, **2**, p. 78-79.

Type locality:—unknown.

Only seven specimens of this common snake, taken March-April, 1907, at Buitenzorg, were preserved. Bryant, however, saved a large series,—fourteen from Buitenzorg, three from Depok, and one from Daroe in Bantam. All are typical examples; in every case the eye is smaller in diameter than the distance to the nostril. Two postoculars and a loreal are present in all.

Ranges from Bengal to Cochin China, throughout the Malay Archipelago. The fact that in the British museum there is an example from Mysol would make it seem very probable that the last connection between Papuasias and the Moluccas lay there, as noted in the chapter on geographical distribution.

Dendrophis formosus BOIE.

BOIE, *Isis*, 1827, p. 542. BOULENGER, *Cat. snakes Brit. mus.*, 1894, **2**, p. 84-85.

Type locality:—Schlegel says, "Le Professeur Reinwardt a fait la découverte de cette espèce à l'île de Java, où elle est assez rare."

Boulenger gives its distribution as "Mountains of the Malay Peninsula, Borneo, Java." Bryant, however, found it sparingly about Buitenzorg, where he took six examples. The elevation of this locality is about 900 feet, while the species is not found in his collections from several Mountain Stations.

Holarchus octolineatus (SCHNEIDER).

SCHNEIDER, Hist. Amphib., 1801, 2, p. 299. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, 2, p. 224.

Type locality:—unknown.

This snake is decidedly rare in Java. Only a single specimen was taken during March, 1907, while Bryant got two at Depok. These belong to Boulenger's var. A. These color-phases, A and B, really merit no designation, for they occur in as nearly a haphazard manner as can be imagined. It is very probable that "*Simotes meyerlinkii*," which Steindachner described from the Sulu Islands, is a valid species; it deserves a subspecific rank at least. The number of ventrals is low, 158 in Boulenger's specimen from Tawi Tawi, and 156–161 according to Steindachner. The color also is distinctive. For *H. octolineatus*, the lowest number of ventrals is 165, recorded from Singapore. The average for specimens from many various localities is 176. Javan examples range from V. 175–186, C. 55–58. The Malay name is *Ular pi-ter*.

The range of this form includes southern India, the Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, Java, and Borneo. *H. meyerlinkii* (Steind.) was doubtless evolved by isolation from specimens of this species probably derived from Borneo.

Oligodon bitorquatus BOIE.

BOIE, Isis, 1827, p. 519. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, 2, p. 237.

Two typical examples seen. Bryant's specimen from Tjibodas, Mt. Gede, 4,500 feet, is the only one with specific locality.

In 1860 Bleeker described *Rabdosoma amboinense*, which Boulenger placed in the synonymy of this species. I have discussed elsewhere (p. 24) the possibility of Bleeker's type ever having seen Ambon, and I believe that it was simply a Javan example, which got mixed into an Ambon collection. This sort of thing evidently happened to Bleeker with startling frequency.

Liopeltis baliodirus (BOIE).

BOIE, Isis, 1827, p. 539. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, 2, p. 283.

Type locality:—East Java (*fide* Schlegel).

Having examined an unfortunately small specimen from Sumatra which the M. C. Z. obtained by exchange with the American museum of natural history, I did not find the hypapophyses, which Cope mentioned as being present throughout the vertebral column. So this species may be considered congeneric with the other members of the genus *Liopeltis*; the latter name should take the place of *Ablabes*. This has been pointed out by Stejneger (Bull. 58 U. S. nat. mus., 1907, p. 337–338). If, however, hypapophyses are

found to be present when adult individuals are carefully examined, then the name *Gonglyosoma* of Fitzinger becomes available for *L. baliodirus*, generically separated from the species with which it is now associated.

***Liopeltis libertatis* BARBOUR.**

Plate 6, fig. 18 and 19.

BARBOUR, Proc. Biol. soc. Wash., 1910, **23**, p. 169-170.

Type locality: — Buitenzorg, Java.

This distinct species is known only from the type; regarding its habits we have no data.

***Pseudorhabdium longiceps* (CANTOR).**

CANTOR, Cat. Malay rept., 1847, p. 63, pl. 00, fig. 1. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, **2**, p. 329.

Type locality: — "the great Hill of Pinang."

A single example from Sumatra in collection of Museum of Comparative Zoölogy (T. Barbour).

***Calamaria linnei* BOIE.¹**

BOIE, Isis, 1827, p. 539. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, p. 345-346.

Type locality: — Java.

Of this species, which is the most abundant member of the genus in western Java, seven specimens were taken at Buitenzorg and two at Sindanglaia. Among the examples from the lot first mentioned, four belong to what Boulenger has called var. B; two stand between var. B and C; one is typical of F. Both the specimens from the mountains belong to var. B. Taking these nine examples in the order in which they have been mentioned, their scale-formulae are as follows:—V. 152, C. 9; V. 146, C. 15; V. 156, C. 11; V. 157, C. 10. These counts are for the four of var. B from Buitenzorg. Examples between B and C:—V. 154, C. 10; V. 142, C. 16. Example of var. F:—V. 155, C. 9. Sindanglaia specimens:—V. 145, C. 19; and V. 155, C. 11. Bryant had twenty-four from Buitenzorg. These range in count from V. 130 to 161; C. 8 to 17. He had two from Gunung Bunder, which count V. 131-148; C. 16-19. Also, besides this long series of var. B, he had two of var. A, and two of var. F.

***Calamaria sumatrana* EDELING.**

EDELING, Nat. tijd. Ned. Ind., 1870, **31**, p. 379. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, **2**, p. 339-340.

Type locality: — Redjang, Sumatra.

It is interesting to note that among the snakes of this genus which were

¹ Linné's *Coluber calamarius* = *Oligodon templetonii* Gthr. Cf. Anderson, Bihang. Kongl. svensk. vet. akad. Handlingar, 1899, **24**, 4, p. 8.

caught at Sindanglaia, in the Preanger region of Java, there was a single adult example of this rare form. It constitutes an addition to the ophidian fauna of Java, for it was previously known only from Singapore and various localities in Sumatra. Probably this form will prove to be separable into three races. The Singapore specimen, now in the Indian museum at Calcutta, has a small number of ventral scales, V. 129, C. 31. The Sumatran specimens have more: — V. 142–168; C. 13–24. In the single known Javan example there are V. 190, C. 21. In this specimen also the rostral is broader than deep, and the diameter of the eye is less than the distance from the mouth.

Range: — Singapore, Sumatra, west Java.

***Calamaria virgulata* BOIE.**

BOIE, Isis, 1827, p. 540. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, 2, p. 340–341.

Type locality: — not definitely stated, but a citation to the “Erp. de Java,” which never appeared, leads me to suppose that the specimens came from Java.

Three specimens of this form, which Boulenger calls var. C, were taken near Sindanglaia, Java, on the slopes of the twin volcanoes Pangerango and Gedeh at altitudes varying from 3,500 to 4,500 feet. Ventrals, 164, 166, 180; subcaudals, 19, 25, 26. This species seems to replace to some extent *C. calamaria*, for about Buitenzorg the latter is common, while no specimens of *C. virgulata* were seen. Probably this form is an inhabitant of a life-zone higher than Buitenzorg; I have pointed out that this is also true of other species. The specimens in the British museum which have definite locality records seem to bear out this conclusion. Thus, there are specimens from Fort de Kock in the Padang Highlands, and also from Mt. Singalang in Sumatra. Menado in Celebes lies near highlands where, as they offer the best opportunities for collecting, Dr. Meyer's examples were probably taken. Two out of three of the Javan specimens bear no data. One is from Rarahan, but the altitude of this locality I have not found.

Known from Sumatra, Java, and Celebes.

***Calamaria borneensis* BLEEKER.**

BLEEKER, Nat. tijd. Ned. Ind., 1860, 21, p. 296. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, 2, p. 347.

Type locality: — Sintang, Borneo.

A single specimen of this rather rare and apparently dichromatic form, M. C. Z. 5,241. This species is now known from Sarawak, and also from a number of localities in Dutch South Borneo.

Calamaria sondaica BARBOUR

BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1908, **51**, p. 319.

Type:—No. 7,102, M. C. Z., one specimen, Buitenzorg, Java, April, 1907. T. Barbour, collector.

Rostral very nearly as deep as broad, easily visible from above; frontal a little longer than broad, considerably shorter than the parietals, a little more than twice as broad as a supraocular; one pre- and one postocular; diameter of the eye a little less than its distance from the mouth; five upper labials, the first nearly three times as large as the second, which is smaller than the third or fourth. These are subequal and enter the eye. The fifth is larger than the third and fourth together. A pair of infralabials in contact between the mental and the anterior pair of chin-shields. Scales in 13 rows; ventrals, 154; anal entire; subcaudals 10. Tail rather obtuse. Dark reddish brown above (with fine plumbeous iridescence in life); six dark lines just visible on neck, very indistinct on body; rows of scales separated by zigzag white lines; a lateral white line on last row of scales. Ventral surfaces white (yellow in life), very heavily blotched with angular dark markings; a black line down midventral region of the tail, and two black lateral lines on tail.

It was with great reluctance that this new species was described. No ophidian genus cries for a revision more than *Calamaria*. Nevertheless, this new form seems to merit recognition on account of several distinctive characters.

Superficially, *i. e.* in coloration, this form does not bear the slightest resemblance to its nearest relative, which is *C. virgulata*; nor, it may be added, does it seem to agree with any of the forms which Boulenger (Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, **2**, p. 340) has considered synonymous with this species.

Calamaria albopunctata BARBOUR.

BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1908, **51**, p. 319-320.

Type:—No. 7,106, M. C. Z., one specimen from the East Indies.

Rostral somewhat broader than deep; frontal longer than broad, much shorter than parietals, and less than twice as broad as a supraocular; one pre- and one postocular; diameter of eye less than distance to mouth; five upper labials, first, third, and fourth subequal; second and fifth large; third and fourth entering orbit; first infralabial meeting its fellow behind the symphysial; two pairs of chin-shields in contact with each other. Scales in 13 rows; ventrals 247; anal entire; subcaudals 14. Tail rather blunt. Dark brown above, a lighter band

on occiput; two outer rows of scales with light centres; lower surfaces yellow with a few dusky markings; a blackish line along lower surface of tail.

Several years ago a collection of reptiles was offered for sale which purported to come from the Moluccas, and was marked "Ternate or Amboina." Many of the specimens undoubtedly did come from the Moluccas. The *Calamaria* which is described above was from that collection; it reminds one strongly of *C. occipitalis* Jan, and very possibly will be found locally in some one of the many small areas in Java which are as yet unknown herpetologically.

***Calamaria agamensis* BLEEKER.**

BLEEKER, Nat. tijds. Ned. Ind., 1860, **21**, p. 292. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, **2**, p. 343-344.

Type locality:—"Sumatra (Fort de Kock), Borneo (Sinkawang)."

The Bryant collection contained a typical example of this species, which seems to be a very rare one indeed in Java.

***Enhydris enhydris* (SCHNEIDER).**

SCHNEIDER, Hist. Amphib., 1799, **1**, p. 245. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1896, **3**, p. 6-8.

Type locality:—Ankapilly Lake, India. From here came the specimen, taken in an eel-trap, which Russell figured and described (Account of Indian serpents, 1796, **1**, p. 35, pl. 30). Russell's figure was the basis of Schneider's account, in which no definite locality is mentioned.

A single specimen from Buitenzorg, Java, while being quite typical in coloration, has but 19 rows of scales; Sc. 19; V. 162; C. 61. The usual condition is 21 rows, while 23 does occasionally occur. There does not seem to be any previous note of an example with 19 rows. In life this specimen had five dark dusky stripes on a ground color which was dull lilac dorsally, and faded to light brownish gray laterally. One of the five stripes extends along the middle of the back, one along each side about halfway down, at the edge of the light and dark color-zones, and one along each side of the ventral scales. Bryant took six specimens; their scales range as follows:—V. 152-159; C. 45-57. All had scales in 21 rows.

This form has a wider range than *E. plumbea*. It is found from India and Ceylon to southern China. In both forms the range includes Malaya; through this region, however, there is little definite information as to the exact distribution.

***Enhydris doriae* (PETERS).**

PETERS, Mon. Berl. akad., 1871, p. 577. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1896, 3, p. 13.

Type locality:— Sarawak.

It may be of interest to record a specimen of this rather rare species from Borneo, No. 5,240, M. C. Z. Shelford (Notes Sarawak museum, 1901, p. 64) states that the Sarawak museum possesses this species; and Brown (Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1903, p. 180) records a specimen, No. 2,311, in the collection of the Academy, taken in the Kapuas River. Boulenger has one specimen from Sarawak in the British museum.

***Homalopsis buccata* (LINNÉ).**

LINNÉ, Syst. nat., ed. 10, 1758, 1, p. 217. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1896, 3, p. 14-15.

Type locality:— "Habitat in Indiis."

An excessively variable species, which is common in all the waterways of western Java. It is readily tamed, and eats frogs, chiefly *Rana tigerina* and *R. erythraea*. The well-known change in color which takes place during growth has been accurately described by Flower (Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1899, p. 677-678). In hand are six adults and four young from near Buitenzorg, taken in April, 1907. On account of its swimming powers one would hardly expect to find evidence that subspecific races may be developing in this form. The ten specimens mentioned above, however, have their scale-rows as follows:— one 35, five 37, four 39. The two which Boulenger had from Java possessed 37 and 39. Bryant had six examples from Buitenzorg and Depok; their scales range:— rows 33; 37, 39 (4 ex); V. 153-175, C. 73-91. The specimens from the mainland have a tendency to much higher numbers of rows; this is evident from material available here, and from Boulenger's data. Again, more material is necessary to show how distinct the Javan examples are from the apparently much more variable individuals on the mainland.

Range:— Southeastern Asia generally; Sumatra, Java, and Borneo.

***Hurria rynchops* (SCHNEIDER).**

SCHNEIDER, Hist. Amphib., 1799, 1, p. 246. STEJNEGER, Bull. 58, U. S. nat. mus., 1907, pp. 304-306.

Type locality:— Ganjam, India. (Original description based on Russell, account of Indian serpents, 1796, 1, pl. 17). This town is situated in the extreme northeastern corner of the Madras Presidency, Lat. 20° 30' N., Long. 85° E. It was the seat of a Resident in the days of the East India Company. It was ravaged by fever and abandoned during the early part of the nineteenth century.

This common species has a distribution very similar to that of *Chersydrus*

granulatus. It is found generally along the coasts of India, southeastern Asia; in the Indonesian area it occurs generally from Sumatra to Ceram and Goram, also in the Philippines and the Pelew Islands. Schlegel (Essai phys. Serp., 1837, 1, p. 171) reports its occurrence on the coasts of New Guinea. It is evidently rare there, as I was unable to find it; and recent collections do not seem to have contained it. It is unknown as yet from the coasts of Australia. On January 25, 1907, a single specimen was taken at Buleleng, Bali Island, in salt-water at the mouth of an estuary. Observations on its habits only confirm those noted by Cantor and more recently by Flower (Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1899, p. 679). This is apparently the first record of its capture on Bali, though its occurrence there was certainly to have been expected.

***Fordonia leucobalea* (SCHLEGEL).**

SCHLEGEL, Essai phys. Serp., 1837, 2, p. 345, pl. 13, fig. 8-9. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1896, 3, p. 21-22.

Type locality:—Timor.

A very variable and widely ranging form. An example here is from Penang, M. C. Z. No. 941.

Known now from nearly all coasts and rivers from Bengal to Queensland.

***Boiga multimaculata* (BOIE).**

BOIE, Isis, 1827, p. 549. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1896, 3, p. 63-64.

Type locality:—Java. While Boie does not make a definite statement as to whence his specimens came, it is quite certain that they were from Java. For he credits the name to Reinwardt, and we have evidence from Schlegel (Essai phys. Serp., 1837, 2, p. 265) that this material was collected in Java. Schlegel writes: "Cette espece inedite, également due aux recherches du professeur Reinwardt, habite l'île de Java, où elle est aussi abondante que la précédente [*Boiga dendrophila*] MM. Boie, Macklot, Kuhl et van Hasselt nous en ont fait parvenir un grand nombre d'individus."

This arboreal serpent is not uncommon in the vicinity of Buitenzorg. It also seems probable that a large series of specimens would show the examples from Malaya to be subspecifically distinct from those from Burma. Boie's specimens ranged in scale-counts as follows:—V. 202-213, C. 83-93. From Boulenger's data (*loc. cit.*) and two specimens taken in March, 1907, at Buitenzorg, it seems that Javan examples average about 206 in ventrals and 85 in subcaudals. Bryant got two at Depok, V. 217-218, C. 86-90. The range is not quite within that mentioned above for Boie's specimens. For the five specimens in the British museum from Burma and Indo-China, we have a much

higher average; viz. V. 225, subc. 92.8. The range is also different: — V. 220–227, subc. 81–100. Should we add to this series Cantor's specimen from Penang (V. 223, subc. 106), the average would be materially raised; but without a series from Penang, this example, differing so widely from all the rest, can not be considered as necessarily included in this race. In a general way, however, this condition of affairs is paralleled by that found in *Natrix subminiata* (q. v.), in which species there is a Javan form with fewer scales than in the mainland representative. In *N. subminiata* also the single specimen from Hong Kong (Bowering's) shows a condition more like the Javan than the Burmese. Bowering's specimen in the British museum has V. 203, C. 80, which is very near the average for Javan specimens, and widely different from the counts of specimens geographically much nearer.

I wish again to thank Dr. Stejneger for having a verbatim copy of Boie's description taken for me from the Isis in the Library of Congress at Washington.

This snake is known from southern China, Indo-China, Burma, Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, Java, and Celebes.

***Boiga dendrophila* (BOIE).**

BOIE, Isis, 1827, p. 549. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1896, 3, p. 70–71.

Type locality: — Java.

Boulenger (*loc. cit.*) gives in his synonymy of this species *Coluber peruvianus* Shaw (Gen. zool., 1802, 3, p. 483, pl. 122). If this species were *B. dendrophila*, then of course Shaw's name, however inappropriate, would have to stand. I heartily agree with Dr. Stejneger, who has expressed his opinion in a letter, that Shaw's figure and description can not be identified with this species, and probably not with any other. In this case, of course, it drops from literature, so far as this form at any rate is concerned.

In Java this snake was seen on several occasions, although no specimens were obtained. A specimen from Borneo in this Museum seems to connect varieties B and C of Boulenger; it is over five feet long. Another, smaller, example from the Philippine Islands has 76 cross-bands on the body, almost all complete, and 26 around the tail; this represents var. E, or better, perhaps, *B. d. multicincta* (Blgr.). Bryant had seven from Depok and one from Buitenzorg, all var. A of Boulenger. This seems to be really confined to Java. The scales range V. 218–226, C. 96–108.

Judging by Boulenger's account, there seem to be some fairly definite groupings into geographic races. There is no necessity to recapitulate these conclusions here, as the material at hand is unimportant. It seems worth

pointing out, however, that individuals from the Malay Peninsula and Sumatra are closely similar.

Known from Lower Siam, Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, Java, Borneo, Celebes, Palawan, and Mindanao.

***Boiga irregularis* (BECHSTEIN).**

BECHSTEIN, Ueber Lacépede, 1802, 4, p. 239, pl. 37, fig. 1. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus. 1896, 3, p. 75-77.

Type locality: — Bechstein writes, "Das Vaterland ist unbekannt."

The genus *Boiga* was founded by Fitzinger in 1826. The type he has expressly designated as *Coluber irregularis* Merrem. Dr. Stejneger has kindly transcribed for me Fitzinger's own statement. "Merrem's *Coluber irregularis* gab Veranlassung zur Gründung von *Boiga*." Dumeril and Bibron (Erpet. gen., 1854, 6, p. 1072) give a comprehensive survey of the early history of the species, and show that Merrem gave only a German name to the species when he published his original figure in 1790. This figure, Dr. Stejneger has written me, forms the basis for Bechstein's name. In 1843, Fitzinger (Syst. Rept., 1, p. 27) proposed a new generic name for this species, *Gonyodipsas*. It has been known at various other times by different names: — *Lycodon*, *Dipsas*, *Triglyphodon*, *Pappophis*, and *Hurria*. This last name Dr. Stejneger has shown (Bull. 58, U. S. nat. mus., 1907, p. 304) can be used for *Hydrus rhynchops* Schneider only, as the genus *Hurria* was founded by Daudin (Bull. Soc. philom. Paris, March, 1803, 3, no. 72, p. 187) for this single species. Curiously, Boulenger has not observed the necessity of using the name *Boiga*, but holds to *Dipsadomorphus*. Cope recognized the correct name, and used it for a number of species in 1860 (Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1860, p. 264).

The coloration and number of rows of scales vary; not, however, with any relation to the geographical distribution, so far as can be learned. This snake is one of the common forms which occur over a very wide insular range; it does not reach Australia, or the continent of Asia, or the islands most closely related to Asia faunistically.

The following list of localities is gathered from various records, as well as material at hand here; and serves to show how general is the distribution of this form throughout the eastern part of the East Indian Archipelago, and through Melanesia.

The species is probably general over Celebes; it is found also on the Sanghir group towards the Philippines, though it appears to be unknown in the Philippines themselves. Among the Moluccas it occurs widely distributed, being

known from Buru, Ambon, Ceram, Halmahera, and Ternate. It occurs on the following Papuan Islands: — Salawati, Mysol, the Ke and Aru groups; on Jobi and Sook (Misor Islands) in Geelvink Bay. On the mainland of Papua it is widespread, being known from Dorey, Mansinam, Sorong, Mt. Arfak; in northern Dutch Papua; from the Fly River country of British Papua; and from Huon Gulf, and other places in Kaiser Wilhelm's Land. It occurs on various islands in Torres Straits, in the D'Entrecasteaux group, in the Louisiade Islands; and is widely spread in the Solomon Islands, as the following list shows: Treasury, Alu (one of the Shortland group), New Georgia, Gela, and Guadalcanar.

Méhely (Termes füzetek, 21, p. 172) proposes a subspecific name for examples which he says fall in Boulenger's var. B; his examples come from various localities in German New Guinea. Werner (Verh. Zool. bot. ges. Wien, 49, p. 152) holds to this racial name of *B. i. papuana* (Méhely). A glance at Boulenger (*loc. cit.*) will show that specimens of his var. B come from almost anywhere, so that it can not be the basis of the name for a geographic race. The material at hand consists of one adult from Manokwari, Papua; two from Ceram, and one from Buru.

***Psammodynastes pulverulentus* (BOIE).**

BOIE, Isis, 1827, p. 547. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1896, 3, p. 172-174. STEJNEGER, Bull. 58, U. S. nat. mus., 1907, p. 383-385.

Type locality:—Java.

Stejneger has given a very full account of this species, so satisfying, indeed, that the material at hand adds little to our knowledge of this form. He suggests that in the migration of this species to Formosa, its absence, so far as we know, from the mainland of China leads one to suppose that it reached the island from the south, probably from the Philippines. He adds, however, that there is "every reason to believe that *P. pulverulentus* may yet be discovered in the mountains of southern and western China." While I am not able now to add this form to the known fauna of the mainland of China, I have two typical examples from Mt. Wuchi in central Hainan. Knowing how close is the relation of the fauna of this island to that of south China, we may now be quite certain of its presence there.

These two examples have the under surface very dark brown, spotted with black. A specimen taken April, 1907, at Sindanglaia, Java, had in life a salmon-pink belly, with a few scattered black specks. M. C. Z., No. 4,077 is a specimen of this species from Tay-ninh, in French Cochinchina. In this individual the belly is almost immaculate light brown. On the sides of the posterior half of

the body there are distinct longitudinal markings. These do not show at all in either of the other specimens. Bryant has two specimens from Tjibodas, Mt. Gede, 4,500 feet; V. 152-171; C. 44-48.

Range:— Upper India through southeastern Asia to Hainan, Formosa, and the Philippines. In the Malay Archipelago it is known from Sumatra, Engaño, Java, Lombok, Flores, Celebes, Borneo, and the Natuna Islands.

In Java certainly, and probably in Hainan, it is confined to the higher elevations. It does not seem to occur at Buitenzorg, but is taken quite often at Sukanumi and Tjibodas, whence there are specimens in the Buitenzorg museum.

***Dryophis prasinus* BOIE.**

BOIE, Isis, 1827, p. 545. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1896, 3, p. 180-182.

Type locality:— Java; collected by Reinwardt (*vide* Schlegel, Essai phys. Serp., 1837, 2, p. 251).

Fourteen examples of this rather common, lizard-eating serpent, taken during March and April, 1907, at Buitenzorg. In the Bryant collection, five are from Gunung Bunder, Mt. Salak, four from Depok, and eleven from Buitenzorg. *D. prasinus* was not taken at any of the stations at high altitudes by either of us.

Known from the eastern Himalayas through southeastern Asia to the Malay Peninsula; and in Java, Borneo, Sumatra, Celebes, Philippines, and Lombok.

***Dryophis xanthozona* BOIE.**

BOIE, Isis, 1827, p. 545. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1896, 3, p. 180.

Type locality:— Java (*fide* Schlegel).

This distinct, yet really little-known, species seems to be very much rarer than *D. prasinus* Boie. Bryant got two specimens at Depok, Java; but none near Buitenzorg, where it seems to be unknown. However, it is probably confused regularly with its congener wherever it occurs. The range of scale-counts, so far as Boulenger knew it, was small; yet Bryant's two fall well within it:— V. 187, 193; C. 130, 125. Scales in fifteen rows as usual.

***Chrysopelea rhodopleuron* BOIE.**

BOIE, Isis, 1827, p. 547. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1896, 3, p. 195-196.

Type locality:— unknown. Reported first definitely from Ambon.

A single specimen of this characteristic Moluccan species from Ambon, taken January, 1907. Scales 17 rows; ventrals 207; anal divided; subcaudals 186. The maximum number of subcaudals cited by Boulenger is 180.

Known from a number of the Moluccas, and from Timor-Laut. It is found upon the Sanghir Islands; and hence we may suppose that it is likely to occur in Celebes and even perhaps in the Philippines.

Hydrus platurus (LINNÉ).

LINNÉ, Syst. nat., ed. 12, 1766, 1, p. 391. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1896, 3, p. 266-268. (Data on variation). STEJNEGER, Bull. 58, U. S. nat. mus., 1907, p. 439-442 (Synonymy and description).

Type locality:—unknown.

This form, one of the most widely distributed of reptiles, presents a perplexing problem to the zoögeographer. In the series of specimens available for study here, and with the data which Boulenger (*loc. cit.*) supplies, nine easily distinguishable color-phases may be recognized. To show, moreover, what slight relation these phases bear to the distribution of the snake, it may be added that six of these forms occur in and about the Bay of Panama. Stejneger (*loc. cit.*, p. 440) remarks that there seems to be "a certain regularity" in the distribution of these "color varieties." "Thus the ordinary black-backed form," he says, "seems to be almost exclusive in the Pacific Ocean; spotted individuals, such as the one figured in Fauna Japonica, plate viii (from the west coast of Borneo), appear to occur mostly in the Indian Ocean. All the specimens from eastern China, Formosa, Riu Kiu, and Japan, so far as the records show, are of the black-backed form." However, this same "black-backed form," which in its simplest coloration Boulenger calls E, is known to occur from Madagascar to the eastern coast of Central America. Not so with the "spotted form," which Boulenger calls A. This appears to be rather definitely confined to the waters of the East Indian Archipelago, and may be recognized as a geographical race.

Hydrus platurus ornatus (Gray).

Color:—yellowish, dorsally with brown, black-edged cross-bands; ventrally with black bars running up the sides, and alternating with the dorsal bands.

This form is the most distinct of any of the color-phases. It shows little relation to the others, and does not seem to intergrade with them, unless we consider the rare and little-known var. *maculata* Jan an intermediate phase.

Gray (Zoöl. misc., p. 60) in 1842 recognized this as a distinct species, and recorded it from India. In 1896 Boulenger (*loc. cit.*, p. 267) recorded a specimen from Borneo as "Type of *P. ornata*"; the only other specimen of this form in the British museum at that time was one from "India?." It would be interesting to know whence the type really came! Dumeril and Bibron (Erpet. gen.,

1854, 7, 2, p. 1337) record a specimen taken by Quoy and Gaimard at Makassar, Celebes. Schlegel, in *Fauna Japonica* (Pl. 8), figures this form; and Stejneger (*loc. cit.*, p. 440) states that the figured specimen came from the west coast of Borneo. Russell in 1796 figured a specimen from Tranquebar, on the Coromandel Coast. In the collection of the M. C. Z. No. 938 is typical of this form, and was taken at Singapore.

This variety is still rare in collections, and curiously enough was apparently not observed by Cantor during his residence in the Straits Settlements.

As regards the var. *maculata* Jan, little can be said. There are no specimens here, and it appears to be rare. Boulenger described it (B, *loc. cit.*, p. 267), but had in the British museum no specimens from known localities. It is supposed to be confined to the Indian Ocean. It may be intermediate between *H. p. ornatus* and some of the black-backed phases, all of which are a good deal alike.

The forms having the whole dorsal surface black or broken into confluent rhombic markings occur very widely and promiscuously. There seems to be no localization whatever amongst them. In 1906 I recorded (Bull. M. C. Z., 46, p. 227) three color-phases from the Bay of Panama; now, however, a re-examination of this material, and the study of additional specimens, show six phases occurring in this circumscribed area. Boulenger (*loc. cit.*, p. 267-268) likewise shows that four phases occur on the coasts of India. Here, there are several well-marked phases from the China Sea. It is hardly necessary to discuss these forms in detail, for Boulenger has already described them. However, the series from Panama does contain two specimens which are noteworthy. One from Saboga Island (ex. No. 7,084, 12 specimens) may be described as follows:—Dorsum black, entirely composed of confluent rhombs; lower surface olive; a yellow stripe along the side separating black from olive. In the area of the latter color occurs a series of black spots, which alternate with the dorsal rhombs. On the tail are alternating bands which arise dorsally and ventrally dovetailing into one another.

The specimens of the second lot are from San Miguel Island (ex. No. 7,083, 14 specimens), and have a black dorsum and brown belly, but lack the yellow stripe on the sides which separate these areas.

These phases may be confined to the Panamic region; but in the light of what we know of the distribution of nearly related forms, it seems much more likely that they are rare phases simply, and may turn up almost anywhere in the Indian and tropical Pacific Oceans.

***Laticauda laticaudata* (LINNÉ).**

LINNÉ, Syst. nat., ed. 10, 1758, 1, p. 222. STEJNEGER, Bull. 58, U. S. nat. mus., 1907, p. 402-408.

Type locality: — The Indies.

This generic name was used by Cantor (Cat. Malay rept., p. 125) in 1847; for its history see Stejneger, *loc. cit.*

Dr. Stejneger in this paper has thrown a deal of light on the status of many of the sea-snakes. He has described *L. laticaudata*, and also *L. colubrina*, in such a way as to give to each full specific rank. The differences between the species would warrant this, were they constant; but since intermediate individuals occur, it seems better to consider that we are dealing with a single species, embracing two subspecifically varying forms, which occur over practically the same area. The subspecies may be known and characterized as follows: —

Laticauda laticaudata laticaudata (Linné). Scales in 19 rows. Ventrals 210-247; subcaudals 25-47. No unpaired shield between the prefrontals; upper lip often dark in color. Black annuli on body from 29 to 58 in number, on tail from 2 to 5.

Laticauda laticaudata colubrina (Schneider). Scales in 21-25 rows. Ventrals 195-247; subcaudals 29-45. Generally an unpaired shield between the prefrontals. Upper lip usually all yellow; black annuli of body from 25 to 54 in number, on tail from 2 to 6.

In *L. l. colubrina* the azygous shield is sometimes lacking, therefore we might say that these examples were specimens of the first-mentioned subspecies in which the addition of two or more rows of scales had taken place. Such a specimen from Queensland is mentioned by Stejneger (*loc. cit.*, p. 408) as having been examined in the Christiana museum. Werner (Mitt. Zool. sammlung mus. nat. Berlin, 1900, 1, p. 104) records the existence of a similar specimen in the Vienna museum. In the collection of the M. C. Z. there are two specimens which are of interest. One is from the Indian Ocean (4,831), with 23 rows of scales, and lacking the azygous shield; the other is from New Caledonia (6,790). This the writer obtained at the last Paris Exposition in 1900, as it was peculiar in having a prolongation of the frontal, separating the prefrontals as if an azygous shield were present. In the series here, some twenty-five specimens from widely separated localities, no variation in the number of oculars or temporals occurs in either subspecies. Nor can characters be found in the arrangements of cephalic plates or colors which regularly serve to separate these forms. The usual number of supralabials is seven in each case; eight occur on one side

of a single individual, belonging to the subspecies *colubrina*; a reduction to six occurs on one side of a snake of the other series.

It is quite useless in a case of this sort to give a list of the localities whence the two forms of this species have been recorded. They have both very nearly the same range,—from the eastern coasts of India to the China Seas, and through the western Pacific as far as the Friendly and Society Islands. Stejneger records the first subspecies from as far north as Okinawa-shima, Riu Kiu Islands. The form *colubrina* is not known definitely from this region.

For the benefit of those who study this group it may be added that this collection contains specimens from the following localities:—Java, Singapore, Australia, New Caledonia, Pelew Islands, Philippine Islands, Ternate, and Fiji Islands, besides a number from less definite localities, as, for example, from the Indian Ocean.

Since the above was written I may add that I find that Peters and Doria, in their "Rettile e Batrachi Austro-malese," 1878, p. 412, regard the form which possesses the azygous shield as a variety of the form in which it is wanting.

***Pseudelaps muelleri insulae* BARBOUR.¹**

BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1908, 51, p. 320.

Type:—No. 7,080, M. C. Z., one specimen, Djamna Island, Dutch Papua. T. Barbour, collector. Djamna is a small islet, situated off the Saär district between Cape D'Urville and Humboldt's Bay. It lies a few miles southeast of the Arimoa (Kumamba) group of islands.

Rostral scale visible from above. The eye is somewhat greater in diameter than its distance from the mouth. The scales around the body are in 15 rows; the ventrals 146, and the subcaudals 19 pairs, in number. The anal is divided. Total length 400 mm.; tail, 32 mm. Boulenger's (Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1896, 3, p. 317) measurements of *P. muelleri* are as follows:—"Total length 500 millim.; tail 70."

Color:—In life this is almost coal-black above, with rich plumbeous iridescence when held in bright light. The ventral surface is, in general, dusky white. Along each of the gastrosteges runs a line of dark brown spots; these spots occur in a closely grouped cluster at the ends of each ventral scale. In the gular region the spots fuse and grow darker in color; the general effect is a very deep brown. On the lower labials small white spots occur, irregularly scattered. In alcohol,

¹ Recently van Lidth de Jeude has shown that this curiously colored race occurs also on the mainland of Papua near Djauma. If this race seems to be really localized geographically, my name may stand to designate it. Cf. van Lidth de Jeude, Nova Guinea, 5, 4, 1911, p. 527-529.

however, the black has changed to a very dark dull green, and the brown markings below to an olive color.

This form differs from *Pseudelaps muelleri* (Schlegel) in having a much shorter tail, fewer pairs of subcaudal scales, and a distinctive coloration. There is a typical Papuan example in the A. E. Pratt collection from Fak Fak, Dutch New Guinea.

This subspecies may be identical with "*P. schlegelii* (Günther)," which seems distinguishable as a race of *P. muelleri* (Schl.). The color of this Djamna form does not, however, seem within the variation limits of any described form.

***Acanthophis antarcticus* (SHAW).**

SHAW, Nat. misc., 1794, **13**, pl. 356 (not pl. 435, as cited by BOULENGER). BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1896, **3**, p. 355-356.

Type locality:—"A native of Australasia."

In life this snake acts much like a true viper. When angered it vibrates its tail very rapidly. The tip of the tail is armed with an elongated spine-like scale. This recalls the condition in *Agkistrodon*, which was considered by both Garman and Stejneger (Garman, Bull. M. C. Z., 1888, **8**, p. 259-268, pl. 1-2, Science, 1892, **20**, p. 17, fig. 5; Stejneger, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1893, 1895, p. 337-487, pl. 1-19, fig. 1-70) as an early stage in the evolution of a rattle. In Australia this species is said to be an inhabitant of dry sandy areas; in New Guinea and Ceram, whence specimens were taken during February and March, 1907, the creature was found in damp, heavily forested areas. It is, however, quite impossible to distinguish between Australian, Papuan, and Moluccan specimens. The range of variation for the whole species, which has been well described by Boulenger, may occur in specimens from a restricted region.

This species is known in many parts of Australia; from as much of Papua as is now known herpetologically; and from Ceram, the Aru and the Ke Islands. Its distribution in the Moluccas is curiously restricted.

***Bungarus fasciatus* (SCHNEIDER).**

SCHNEIDER, Hist. Amphib., 1801, **12**, p. 283. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1896, **3**, p. 366-367.

Type locality:—Schneider merely states that the specimen which he described was in the Museum Blochianum. At the end of his account he refers to the third plate of Russell's account of Indian serpents as an excellent illustration of the species.

A single large specimen of this dangerous species was killed while it was lying in a road near Buitenzorg, in March, 1907. While it is very much less

common than *B. candidus*, it is nevertheless abundant enough to be much dreaded by the natives. Bryant had two examples from Depok.

In color my specimen is perhaps noteworthy, in that the forward prolongation of black from the first annulus reaches the internasals. Between this black and the brown on the nose is a very narrow line of yellow.

***Bungarus candidus* (LINNÉ).**

LINNÉ Syst. nat., ed. 10, 1758, 1, p. 223. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1896, 3, p. 368-369.

Type locality:—"Habitat in Indiis."

Boulenger has grouped under the name *B. candidus* three forms of serpents which, as he has shown, come from well-defined geographic areas. We have no proof that these forms merge into one another where their respective ranges meet. It seems, then, necessary, owing to their well-marked color-characters and their distribution, to call them separate species. Thus we have:—

B. candidus (Linné) from Java and Celebes.

B. multicinctus Blyth (Stejneger, Bull. 58 U. S. nat. mus., 1907, p. 397-399) from Upper Burma, China, Hainan, and Formosa.

B. caeruleus Daudin, from India to the Straits Settlements.

This last form is variable in coloration, but has not been shown to be completely connected with either of the others.

Two specimens of *B. candidus* taken at Buitenzorg, January, 1907, agree perfectly with the descriptions. When compared with a specimen of *B. caeruleus* taken at Lucknow, November, 1907, they show the following differences in addition to the well-known divergence in coloration:— the width of the head of the Javan specimens is about one fourth greater than in the Indian; the frontal in the Javan examples is very nearly as broad as long, in the Indian the frontal is one and one third times as long as broad; in the Javan individuals the length of the suture between the internasals is two thirds that of the suture between the prefrontals; in the Indian snake the first-mentioned is only one third as long as the second. In the Javan specimens the superior preocular is much larger than the inferior, while in the Indian they are of the same size. The scale-counts do not aid in separating any of the three forms. Bryant's series, ten from Buitenzorg, and two from Depok, bear out these observations. One of his specimens, however, has an almost square first temporal, a curious anomaly.

Naja naja (LINNÉ).

LINNÉ, Syst. nat., ed. 10, 1758, 1, p. 221. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1896, 3, p. 380-385.
STEJNEGER, Bull. 58, U. S. nat. mus., 1907, p. 394-397.

Type locality:—"Habitat in India orientali."

Stejneger has outlined a scheme for the study of the varieties of the cobra which is an advance over that of Boulenger. The latter grouped them according to color alone, and we had as a result a curious series of subspecies in any one of which might occur specimens from almost any locality. As a matter of fact, by using the scale-counts of Boulenger and those of Stejneger, we may define in a fairly satisfactory manner several apparent geographic races in the East Indian region.

Naja naja leucodira (Boulenger, *loc. cit.*, p. 384).

This form seems to be confined to Sumatra, whence specimens have come to the British museum. Examples also exist in the zoölogical museum of the Department of agriculture at Buitenzorg, Java.

Body with no marking above; dark brown, almost black. Hood unmarked. Throat whitish, usually spotted with black, and with a black band. Scales on neck 21-25; generally 23; 17 or 19 rows across body. V. 183-193; C. 50-55.

N. n. sputatrix (Boie). Isis, 1827, p. 557).

I add here a transcription from a letter from Dr. Stejneger copying Boie's text. Under *N. tripudians* Boie writes, "Im Pariser Museum Exemplare von Java, Sumatra und den Philipinen, die kaum specifisch verschieden zu seyn scheinen. Bey javanischen Exemplaren die Brille undeutlicher, die Lippen ungefärbt."

"6. *sputatrix* Reinw. Russell, Account of Indian serpents, 1796, 1, 2, tab. 36. *Elaps fuscus* Merr. *Coluber castaneus* Oppel, *cf.* Erpet. de Java.

"Oculis parvis, cauda $\frac{1}{8}$, tota e badio aenea, capite dilutior, cervice in juniore subperspicillato, 173-80 = 50-52."

Javanese cobras show a remarkable constancy in the number of rows of scales on the neck. This appears to be regularly 25, while the number of rows around the body may be 19 or 21, the latter being most frequent. Boulenger has recorded three specimens from Java belonging to two varieties. Two (*loc. cit.*, p. 382) as var. *caeca*, and one as var. *sputatrix*. The scale-counts in all lie within these limits, viz. Sc. $\frac{25}{21}$; V. 172-180; C. 44 for the first two mentioned; and Sc. $\frac{25}{18}$; V. 163; C. 44, for the single *N. n. sputatrix*. The following counts, taken from seven specimens all from near Buitenzorg, show the range in a restricted locality. They can not be separated on a color-basis, and are all *N. n.*

sputatrix. Sc. $\frac{25}{21}$, 175, 52. Sc. $\frac{25}{19}$, 173, 50. Sc. $\frac{25}{21}$, 176, 51. Sc. $\frac{25}{19}$, 173, 50. Sc. $\frac{25}{21}$, 175, 52. Sc. $\frac{25}{21}$, 171, 50. Sc. $\frac{25}{21}$, 183, ?. The range may be expressed as Sc. $\frac{25}{19-21}$, 163-183, 44-52. Curiously, the highest ventral count of a Javan individual is the same as the lowest ventral count of a Sumatran.

The coloration of this form is usually very dark brown or black above, yellowish on chin. A complete or broken circular mark is usually present on the hoods of the young. The marks on the hoods of most adults are nearly vanishing; hence, perhaps, the recording of two by Boulenger as var. *caeca*, which has the hood regularly unmarked.

N. n. miolepis (cf. Boulenger, *loc. cit.*, p. 384-385).

The Bornean form may be distinguishable by the peculiar marking in the young. A scale-formula based on Boulenger's data is Sc. $\frac{21-23}{17-19}$; 181-199; 45-51. In this case all of the specimens identified with this race come from a single region.

N. n. atra (Cantor). (Stejneger, *loc. cit.*, p. 395).

To this form a single specimen, from Ting-an, Hainan Island, seems referable; its scales count $\frac{25}{21}$, 173, 43. A young specimen agreeing well in color and squamation with Stejneger's description of a young Formosan example. It differs, however, in having the "white rimmed spectacles" lying in a broad black band, and the general ground color olive-green.

The great difficulty in reaching any general conclusions in regard to the geographical races of this form is the lack of material in large series from well-authenticated localities. When we have records of scale-formulae for hundreds of cobras where we now have tens, we may be able to reach conclusions which are safely tenable.

Provisionally, following Stejneger so far as he went, we may summarize our information concerning these races as follows:—

Naja naja (Linné).

Many scales about neck, 29-35 (sometimes 27). Sum of ventrals and subcaudals averaging about 230. *Range*:—India, Ceylon, Burma, Malay Peninsula.

N. n. oxiana (Eichwald).

Ventrals and subcaudals averaging 268. Transcaspiian region.

Then follow:—

N. n. leucodira from Sumatra.

N. n. sputatrix from Java and possibly part of Sumatra.

N. n. miolepis from Borneo and Palawan.

N. n. atra from the Siamese and Chinese regions.

To the above may be added: —

N. n. paucisquamis; this is known from a single specimen taken in Borneo. Peracca, after correspondence with Boulenger, proposes (Rev. Suisse zool., 1899, 7, p. 328) the name for an example with 19 rows of scales on the neck, and 15 on the body. He mentions 46 subcaudals, and coloring similar to *N. n. miolepis*.

Since the preceding pages were written, Bryant's Javan cobras have come to hand, and bear out what has been said as to the ventral counts of Javan and Sumatran specimens just meeting but not overlapping in numbers. From the nine specimens which Bryant preserved at Buitenzorg and Depok we get the following counts: — Ventrals 166–180, subcaudals 45–53. These counts are almost the same as those taken from my specimens. Bryant's show a greater variability in numbers of rows on both neck and body. Instead of these being expressed by the formula which I gave before, $\frac{25}{19-21}$, we must now write $\frac{23-25}{19-23}$. Only the ventral counts, then, distinguish Javan from Sumatran cobras.

***Doliophis intestinalis* (LAURENTI).**

Plate 5, fig. 16; Plate 6, fig. 17.

LAURENTI, Syn. Rept., 1768, p. 106. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1896, 3, p. 401–404.

Type locality: — “Africa.”

An excessively variable species. Studies of material from Java and Penang in the collection of the M. C. Z., and data made available by Boulenger, lead me to conclude that this form is not divisible into subspecies. Color varieties which embrace examples from widely separated localities express no relationship, and hence do not merit a name. The averages obtained by adding the number of ventrals and subcaudal scales of specimens from the same locality teach us little. Thus, seven specimens each from Java, Sumatra, and Nias, and from the Straits Settlements, give averages respectively as follows: — 267.7, 261, and 260.4. Twelve specimens from Borneo and Labuan give an average of 258.3. And finally a specimen from Menado in northeastern Celebes has scales which total 262. The Javan average is raised by the counts of two specimens which have extremely high scale-counts,— 294 and 287. This is paralleled by a single specimen from Singapore with 288, and one from Borneo with 283. If we had fifty specimens from each of these localities, we might be able to separate satisfactorily a Bornean form; for these do seem to have a smaller average than those from the other islands. With small series, and from scattered parts of the various regions, it seems unwise to try to separate races, especially since color

is valueless. A glance at Boulenger's account of this form will show that variety A occurs in Java and Borneo; B in Straits Settlements and Borneo; C in Straits Settlements, Sumatra, and Borneo; E in Borneo and Sumatra; F in Borneo and Celebes. Of variety D, only one specimen is in the British museum; and of G, only two; both taken at the same time. These varieties have been given names by Boulenger; and these do doubtless afford useful handles by which to speak of the different specimens, but they do not seem to express anything which is valuable to the zoögeographer or student of ophidian relationships. It is noteworthy that all the specimens at the Buitenzorg museum, as well as three taken at Buitenzorg and now in the collection of the M. C. Z., had the coloration designated A by Boulenger. Inasmuch as this phase also occurs in Labuan, we can not name it as a local race, however. Since the above was written, Bryant's series has brought in seven from Buitenzorg, and four from Mt. Salak, all of var. A, the only one occurring in Java.

Annandale has noted the very large size of the poison-apparatus of *D. bivirgatus* in the Malay Peninsula; and Gadow, in his *Amphibia and reptiles*, 1901, p. 634, has mentioned it for this species (see fig. 17). Boulenger (*loc. cit.*) notes the pushing of the heart to a position far posterior of its characteristic position. This apparatus is figured here because none of these accounts give one a definite idea of the enormous development of the glands, and this condition seems to be quite unknown to the average comparative anatomist.

The curious habit of crawling with the tail up-turned to show the brilliant red under color is also figured. This has been noted before by Annandale (*Fasc. Malay. Zool.*, 1903, 1, p. 167-168). Flower (*Proc. Zool. soc. London*, 1899, p. 693, pl. 37) has described and figured the same habit for *Cylindrophis rufus*. In spite of the enormous poison-glands, and the widespread native suspicion directed against all the red-tailed snakes, it seems very unlikely that this reptile can be considered a really dangerous form.

***Amblycephalus carinatus* (WAGLER).**

WAGLER, *Nat. syst. Amphib.*, 1830, p. 181. BOULENGER, *Cat. snakes Brit. mus.*, 1896, 3, p. 445-446.

Dr. Stejneger writes me that *A. carinatus* Boie is a complete *nomen nudum*. Reinwardt had sent specimens to Leyden, using this MS. name, which Boie simply copied. Dr. Stejneger points out that this evidently happened before Boie himself left Holland. The authority for the name must therefore stand as Wagler. He described the species as the type of a new genus, *Pareas*; and, just as Dr. Stejneger also has written me, credits the name "*Dipsas carinata*" to "Reinw. in Mus. Lugd." The type locality, then, is Java.

Apparently this species, like *Lachesis puniceus* (q. v.), is chiefly confined to high altitudes. It is rare, and most of the specimens in the excellent collection of Javan reptiles in the Museum of the Agricultural department at Buitenzorg came from levels higher than that of Buitenzorg. While collecting in the vicinity of the Mountain Gardens at Tjibodas, several specimens were taken at an altitude of about 4,500 feet on the slopes of the volcano Pangerango. Others were brought to Buitenzorg by natives, who had taken them on neighboring highlands. Seven specimens, all told, were preserved; and they agree well with Boulenger's description. Color is brightest, and carination most distinct, in young specimens. It remains tightly coiled unless much disturbed. Under provocation, however, it will strike very viciously. It may be added that Bryant, had six specimens from Buitenzorg, and two from Depok. They may have come from the hill regions near by.

This form has been recorded from both Cochin China and Burma, in both of which localities it seems to be rare. Mouhot's specimens in the British museum came from the Laos ("Lao") Mountains, and it is quite possible that careful collecting among the higher mountains of Burma and Cochin China would prove that the species was as exclusively a highland form on the continent as it seems to be in Java.

***Agkistrodon rhodostoma* (BOIE).**

BOIE, Isis, 1827, p. 561. Boulenger, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1896, 3, p. 527-528.

Type locality:—Java.

This large and dangerous creature is abundant in western Java, mostly in heavily forested areas at more than 1,000 feet elevation. Its coloration of beautifully blended shades of lilac, violet, and rich brown makes it most difficult to see, as it lies tightly coiled on the ground, with a background of decaying leaves. Contrary to Annandale's field notes, which Boulenger has quoted (Fasc. Malay. Zool., 1903, 1, p. 170-171), the natives of Java realize full well how dangerous this form must be. The fangs are excessively long, and the actual quantity of poison secreted is very great indeed. In the young of this species, about the last inch of the tail is bright yellow. This feature is also conspicuous in the congeneric forms of North America. In all, as the individuals grow older, small spots appear on the dorsal surface of the tails; and as these increase in size and number they spread down on the sides; so that by the time the specimens are eighteen inches long, the yellow may be seen only after careful examination. In *A. rhodostoma* it persists a very long while — certainly until full growth is reached — as narrow bands between the dark spots. This does not seem to be

the case in *A. contortrix* and *A. piscivorus*; in both of these it disappears before adult size is reached. The largest specimen measured by Boulenger (*loc. cit.*, p. 528) was 900 mm., total length of body and tail. In a series of eight examples taken near Buitenzorg during March and April, 1907, one measures 1,030 mm. total length. In all, the number of rows of scales was 21; ventrals ranged from 144 to 157, and subcaudals from 38 to 53.

The history of our knowledge of this form is curious. When Boulenger, in 1896, wrote vol. 3 of the British museum catalogue, this species was definitely known only from Java, whence Reinwardt had taken it, and whence the example for Russell's (*Account of Indian serpents*, 1801, 2, pl. 21) figure had come. There was a specimen known bearing the label "Siam." Six years later the first part of the *Zoology of Fasciculi Malayenses* appeared, papers based on the collections of Annandale and Robinson in Perak and the Siamese Malay States. For this Boulenger prepared a list of Malayan reptiles as an appendix to his study of the collections entrusted to him. He notes that *A. rhodostoma* does occur in Siam, whence a specimen has been received by the Christiania museum; and also records it from Biserat, Jalor, Malay Peninsula. Annandale says that it is not rare, and it is remarkable that it remained so long undiscovered. Strangely, it has not been found in Sumatra as yet. As Boulenger notes, a parallel case to this discontinuous distribution is afforded by *Geoclemys*¹ *subtrijuga* (Schl. en Müll.), and other species which are mentioned *passim*.

I got a series of specimens from Buitenzorg; and Bryant took thirty-one:—one at Gunung Bunder on Mt. Salak, elevation 2,200 feet; eighteen at Depok; eleven at Buitenzorg; and one at Daru in Bantam.

***Trimeresurus puniceus* (BOIE).**

BOIE, *Isis*, 1827, p. 561. BOULENGER, *Cat. snakes Brit. mus.*, 1896, 3, p. 560-561.

Type locality: — Java, collection of Reinwardt (*vide* Schlegel, *Essai phys. Serp.*, 1837, 2, p. 545).

This form in western Java is an inhabitant of deep forests at high levels. Major P. A. Ouwens of the Buitenzorg museum told me that it was never taken near Buitenzorg. On the higher volcanic peaks near Soekaboemi it occurs sparingly. Two specimens were taken at an altitude of from 4,500 to 5,000 feet during April, 1907. Bryant took it only on Mt. Salak, where he got six specimens. One of my specimens is now in the Museum of the Department of agriculture at Buitenzorg, and the other is before me. The color has hardly changed

¹ For the use of *Geoclemys* instead of *Damonia*, cf. Stejneger, *Bull.* 58, U. S. nat. mus., 1907, p. 496.

from what it was in life. Rich reddish brown, with some faint darker markings; a very faint whitish line running through the eye, and some yellow scales laterally near the gastrosteges, which are dark yellow specked with slate color. This form in life is excessively sluggish; when aroused, however, it strikes viciously, and with a speed which is, I think, quite unexcelled. Though the tail is strongly prehensile, the natives say that this form is generally found on the ground.

Curiously, this form, while occurring on the Natuna group of islands, Sumatra, and Borneo, does not occur on the mainland. It would be most interesting to know whether its occurrence at high levels is as constant throughout the rest of its range as it is in western Java. In the Natuna group there is a hill on Great Natuna; but the rest of the islands are, so far as can be learned, low lying.

***Trimeresurus wagleri* (SCHLEGEL).**

SCHLEGEL, *Essai phys. Serp.*, 1837, **3**, p. 542, pl. 17, fig. 16-18. BOULENGER, *Cat. snakes Brit. mus.*, 1896, **3**, p. 562-564.

Type locality: — Sumatra.

This species is attributed to Boie, Isis, 1827, p. 561, by Boulenger, but Dr. Stejneger writes that there is no diagnosis whatever. Boie referred to "Col. sumatranus Raffles," and to "Seba T. ii, tab. 68, fig. 4." These snakes are different species, and it was Schlegel who definitely fixed *T. wagleri* to the snake for which the name is now used.

Two specimens from the Philippine Islands, belong to phase B of Boulenger. It is interesting to compare the distribution of this species with that of *T. gramineus* (q. v.). This form has reached Sumatra, Borneo, Celebes, Philippines, Sirhassen, and Natuna Islands, occurring also on the Malay Peninsula.

***Trimeresurus gramineus* (SHAW).**

SHAW, *Gen. zool.*, 1802, **3**, p. 420. STEJNEGER, *Bull.* 58, U. S. nat. mus., 1907, p. 480.

Type locality: — Vizagapatam, India. (Based on Russell's Account of Indian serpents, 1796, **7**, pl. 9).

The green tree-vipers are either extremely rare in Java, or else their coloration makes them so hard to find that they are seldom taken. The former presumption is undoubtedly correct, since such green species as *Gonyosoma oxyrhynchus* are very often found.

The only Javan specimen seen was one adult taken by Bryant at Buitenzorg.

TESTUDINATA.

***Geoclemys subtrijuga* (SCHLEGEL EN MÜLLER).**

SCHLEGEL EN MÜLLER, Temminck's Verh. Natuur. Ned. Ind. Rept., 1844, p. 30. BOULENGER, Cat. chelonians *** Brit. Mus., 1889, p. 94.

Type locality: — Java.

Three examples from Depok, Java, in the Bryant collection.

This species is mentioned (p. 23) on account of its interesting distribution. It is one of the many species which occur on Java and the Asiatic mainland without as yet having been found in either Sumatra or Borneo.

***Orlitia crassicolis* (GRAY).**

GRAY, Synop. Rept., 1831, p. 21. BOULENGER, Cat. chelonians *** Brit. mus., 1889, p. 98.

Type locality: — Sumatra. Boulenger records the shell of a half-grown individual in the British museum, the gift of Thomas Bell, Esq., as being the type from Sumatra.

Bryant sent two examples from Depok. The species does not appear to have been taken in Java previously. Being unfamiliar with East Indian fresh-water tortoises and having but little identified material at hand for comparison, I concluded that I had to deal with what is generally called *Cyclemys dhor* (Gray) (Blgr. *loc. cit.*, p. 131). In this, as in many other matters, Dr. Stejneger set me aright; but our study and discussion of the latter species led to some interesting results affecting this name, so long used. Gray's Synopsis Reptilium is not in the library of the M. C. Z., but I have the following information sent me by Dr. Stejneger taken from his copy of this rare work.

In the first place Boulenger (*loc. cit.*, 1889, p. 131), alluding to the original description of *Cyclemys dhor* refers to Gray, Synopsis Reptilium, 1831, p. 23. This is an error, the description being on p. 20. Concerning this name and the type locality of the species, Dr. Stejneger writes me that he has come to the following conclusion: —

“Gray's *Emys dhor*, p. 20, corrected to *E. dentata* on pp. 79 and 80, and figured on pls. 8 and 9, is a compound based in part upon (Hardwicke's drawing of) a Bengal specimen, and in part upon three young (apparently from Java).

“p. 20 ‘*Emys dhor*. Gray Illustr. Ind. Zool., apparently not yet, 1851, published (v. Mus. Brit.) *Emys Hasselti*, Boie Mss. (v. Mus. Leyd.)

““Habitat in Bengal, called Dhor and Thum, General Hardwicke, Java, Van Hasselt. (v. v. Hort. Zool. Bell et nostr.)

“Like the former, only known from three young specimens, p. 21 one of which, given me by Mr. Bell, I kept alive for some time.’

“In 1844 (Cat. Tort. Br. Mus.) the two species are still confounded under the name *Emys* (*Cyclemys*) *dentata*, inasmuch as he still quotes pls. 8 and 9, though only enumerating specimens from Java.

“In 1855 (Cat. Shield Rept., p. 35) he realizes his mistake and quotes pl. 8 under *Batagur baska* as the young, although by a lapsus he still quotes ‘8, 9’ under *Cyclemys dentata* (p. 42), which he now assigns exclusively to Java and Borneo.

“Finally in 1870 (Suppl.) he returns to the name *dhor* for the exclusively Javan species without giving any reason.

“I believe *dentata* should take the precedence over *dhor*, and that Java must be considered its type locality.”

***Cyclemys amboinensis* (DAUDIN).**

DAUDIN, Hist. nat. rept., 1802 (1803), 2, p. 309. BOULENGER, Cat. chelonians *** Brit. mus., 1889, p. 133.

Type locality:—Ambon.

This species inhabits ponds and sluggish streams. It is usually the most common chelonian where it occurs. I preserved eight specimens from Makassar, Celebes, and three from Buitenzorg. Bryant got one at Buitenzorg, and one at Depok, Java. A topotype has been received with a recent acquisition.

The two editions of Daudin's *Histoire naturelle . . . de reptiles* are somewhat confusing as to dates. One, bearing the title “*Histoire naturelle generale et particuliere des reptiles; ouvrage faisant suite a l’histoire naturelle generale et particuliere, composee par Leclerc de Buffon, et rediger par C. S. Sonnini, . . . 8 vols. Paris,*” appeared as follows:—Vols. 1–4, An X (1802), and vol. 5–8, An XI (1803). As Dr. Stejneger writes me in sending data regarding his copy, quotations occur throughout the whole work from Latreille's *Histoire naturelle*, which appeared in 1802; so that the whole of Daudin should be dated at the earliest 1803.

The other, rather more common edition bears a slightly different title:—“*Histoire naturelle generale et particuliere des reptiles; ouvrage faisant suite aux oeuvres de Leclerc de Buffon, et partie du cours complet d’histoire naturelle redige par C. S. Sonnini, . . . 8 vols. Paris.*” The volumes are curiously dated as follows: Vol. 1–2, An XIII (1805), vols. 3–4, An X (1802), Vol. 5–8, An XI (1803).

There are many sets which are composed of some volumes from each edition.

Amyda subplana (GEOFFROY).

GEOFFROY, Ann. mus., 1809, **14**, p. 11, pl. 5, fig. 2. BOULENGER, Cat. chelonians * * * Brit. mus., 1889, p. 253.

Type locality:— unknown.

This turtle occurs in apparently about equal numbers with *A. cartilaginea*. It lives in the same sluggish waters. I preserved one example, and Bryant two, from Buitenzorg.

Amyda cartilaginea (BODDAERT).

BODDAERT, Epistola ad W. Roëll, cum tab., 1770 (*fide* BOULENGER). BOULENGER, Cat. chelonians * * * Brit. mus., 1889, p. 253.

Type locality:— original description not seen.

This species is abundant in the sluggish ditches and flowed rice-fields about Buitenzorg. Each of the collections examined from there contained two small examples.

PART III.

TABLE OF DISTRIBUTION.

In preparing the table of distribution it has been necessary, in order to keep it in convenient form, to limit the number of localities included. Thus, the Philippines have been taken together, even though conditions vary greatly upon the different islands. Again, species have been described which are apparently confined to some small islet, and in these cases they have been credited to the nearest listed locality to which they belong faunally or geographically. For instance, *Dasia aignanum* (Boulenger) was described from St. Aignan's Island in the Louisiade Archipelago; but this species has been credited to British New Guinea, a region of which the Louisiade Archipelago forms simply a disjointed part, and to which the group belongs both zoologically and geographically.

For the table see p. 169–203.

ZOÖGEOGRAPHY.

The conditions which limit an attempt to use the data of the geographic distribution of animals as an aid in reconstructing past geographic changes in the East Indies are very many. In the first place, an accurate, systematic knowledge of the fauna of any one East Indian Island is still far from an accomplished fact. Of many islands we know nothing at all. We may wish to argue from what we know of the Amphibia of one island, and to compare this with the conditions on another island where the birds are well known, but the amphibians little, or not at all. Again, we know that species often become extinct, especially upon islands, for no apparent reason; so that we may be constrained to argue from the absence of certain forms, and yet never feel sure that they have not existed in the past.

Conditions of life on islands, as elsewhere, are subject to certain purely economic conditions: beasts of prey demand the presence of a definite number of plant-eating animals, the latter demand the proper food supply of plants. Insectivorous animals must have insects; and insects must have appropriate plants, each in definite supply. Thus a certain balance must always be maintained; and this may be accomplished at times only by the dying out of some of

the forms which have been left imprisoned, as it were, upon any island at the time of its separation from the land with which it formerly was in connection.

Zoölogic evidence can never outweigh or set aside positive geologic evidence. It can never hope to place the time of a geologic change with the accuracy that geologic evidence does, when the latter exists. Unfortunately, convincing geologic evidence is, in this region, frequently wanting. In the East Indies, as in the West Indies, we may, it is true, postulate extensive land connections as existing in a recent geologic past, and as having only in some cases left behind them evidence of their existence in the shape of elevated ridges or shallow areas on the bottom of the sea.

The origin of the fauna of the West and East Indian areas presents a condition of affairs singularly parallel. In the West Indies there has been an immigration of land types into Haiti and Porto Rico, and thence to the Lesser Antillean chain, which have come by land connections stretching from Cuba to Yucatan, on the one hand, and to Haiti on the other; and again from the Mosquito Coast to Jamaica, and thence to Haiti. There has also been a connection of Florida with Cuba, and of Cuba with the Archipelago of the Bahamas; for these islands have drawn more of their fauna from Cuba than they have from Haiti, though the latter is nearer to some points of the Bahamas. Then, up to the Lesser Antillean chain has come an immigration of animals which have been derived from the region of Archiguiana, or part of the Gondwana land of Suess (*Face of the earth*; translated by Hertha B. C. Sollas 4 vols., Oxford, 1904-1910; 1, p. 387; 4, p. 471, 663). This faunal element from what is now northeastern South America is predominant in Trinidad and Tobago, recently separated; very strong in Grenada; and less so in St. Vincent. It reaches up to Porto Rico, where it still forms a prominent part of the whole fauna, and is naturally less evident in Cuba and Jamaica (Barbour, *Bull. M. C. Z.*, 1910, 52, p. 275-285).

In the East Indies the case is more complicated, but the main features of the two-fold origin are the same — an influx of mainland types from southeastern Asia, on the one hand; and an influx of types derived from Antaretis, on the other (Antaretis = Australia + Patagonia. Cf. Suess, 4, p. 667-669).

The points of view of both zoölogist and geologist are fast changing regarding the extent to which one may assume that alterations have taken place in the shape of existing land-masses. There has been up to recent times a strong tendency on the part of English, and some American, geologists to look upon the ocean basins as fundamental surface features of the earth, which have existed

practically unchanged since its geologic infancy. There has been an inclination to look askance at those who do not believe in the permanence of land forms almost as they exist today. Suess, however, says that "the crust of the Earth is traversed not only by isolated faults, *** but by whole systems of fractures, that extensive areas have thus been broken up, and have foundered into the interior of the planet" (Suess, 1, p. 7). Again, he remarks that the enthusiasm which we have expended in contemplating the part that the little polyp has played in building up the coral reef, or that the rain-drop has performed in hollowing out the stone, have brought the commonplaceness of everyday life into our conception of the phenomena of the past. In his opinion the convulsions which have affected parts of the crust of the earth have been greater, and of greater frequency, than was formerly supposed. "The earthquakes of the present day are certainly but faint reminiscences of those telluric movements to which the structure of almost every mountain range bears witness." Enormous changes of level have taken place upon the surface of the earth in such recent times, geologically speaking, that one can fairly consider these changes to be hardly less than others whose existence can not be proved geologically. These supposedly have been brought about by the folding of the surface of the earth, or by depression of those areas of the lithosphere which, once dry land, now lie deep below the sea. The elevated valley of California, and the upper valley of the Po in Europe are excellent examples of regions where enormous changes of level of land in relation to sea have taken place since late Pliocene and probably even since early Pleistocene times. The northeastern coast of North America is fast sinking at the present. Where lines of recent volcanic activity, as in the East Indian and West Indian Island areas, occur, one may fairly assume that fundamental changes of level have taken place, or may take place in any short space of time. These regions lie in geosynclines, areas where changes of level are most likely to occur, for there folding and faulting are at a maximum. Prof. J. B. Woodworth has told me that he considers it as not at all an extravagant statement to say that, so far as the geologic evidence is concerned, the Brazilian highland area may be projected indefinitely into the Atlantic basin; and the same thing is true of the probable projection of the Chilean region into the Pacific. He has recently studied both these regions in great detail. The geologic evidence as to the great age of the Atlantic Ocean is purely negative. So late as the Upper Trias there were, except for a small area in the Atlas Mountain region, no marine sediments laid down by the existing shores of the Atlantic.

We know that the facility with which animals of various orders are trans-

ported across the open sea fortuitously, or by what has been called flotsam and jetsam dispersal, is much less than was previously supposed. I have discussed this question at considerable length in "Notes on the herpetology of Jamaica" (Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, 52, p. 280-284). To attempt to trace the history of this change of opinion would be a long task, and would have no place in this connection. Many naturalists still adhere to the old views, and there can be no doubt that in certain cases fortuitous distribution does play some part in providing continental islands with faunae. Generally speaking, however, it is a negligible one; and the tendency is stronger and stronger to conclude that the dry surface of the earth has undergone enormous and fundamental changes in extent since life has been existent. Thus, the Galapagos Islands, considered by Darwin, Wallace, and others as typical oceanic islands, are in all probability truly continental in nature; at least this opinion is gaining ground (*cf.* G. Baur, Amer. nat., 1891, 35, p. 217-229, 307-326; also Amer. nat., 1897, 31, p. 661-680).

So also with the Azores, Madeira, and the Canary Islands.

The marvellous land-snail fauna of some of the Pacific Islands, especially of the Hawaiian Islands, is no longer considered as consisting only of individuals which reached the island fortuitously; but rather as an enormous group of species, greatly modified and divided up amongst themselves through long isolation upon the different islands, or even in the different valleys of the various islands; and, moreover, these species are shown to be the descendants of ancient types. If individuals in the past occasionally reached the islands by floating, they would still do so once in a while. An influx of continental individuals would tend, of course, to keep the groups of individuals upon the islands more or less like those upon the shores whence the immigrants came. That this is not the case has been most ably argued by Pilsbry (Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1900, p. 568-581), who shows that, in the first place, many genera of land-snails reach back to the Oligocene unchanged in specific characters; and that the modern family groups of snails diverged far back in Mesozoic time. This shows the difference in the conditions which one finds in dealing with the fauna composed of invertebrate groups of animals alone. A land-mass cut off in early Tertiary times might lack most mammals, and yet present molluscan genera identical with those upon other land-masses, or upon the continents. This, in brief, is the basis of the argument which Pilsbry employs in commenting upon the antique character of the Polynesian snail fauna. After mentioning the primitive character of the Orthurethra, Heterurethra, and the Sigmurethra (Aulacopoda), he shows their astonishing abundance in Polynesia, along with the absence of

such typical recent families as Helicidae and Bulimulidae, and others, which are the very families known to be most successful as emigrants; for species of these modern successful families follow modern agriculture and commerce about the world, and easily become established. Some of these have come to Polynesia within historic times; but we find none existing as a part of the true fauna of any island. Thus Pilsbry continues, "the advocate of a Polynesian waif fauna is then compelled to adopt the view either that accessions to the mid-Pacific snail faunas practically stopped a long time ago, from causes unknown or hypothetical, or that an unparalleled series of accidents intervened to prevent the, in recent times, ubiquitous and prominent continental groups of snails from effecting a landing in these islands." In continuing he shows how wrong Wallace was in deriving the Polynesian fauna from the Australian region, and says: "Far from being a faunal dependency of the Australian or Oriental regions, Polynesia has every appearance of being a region which started with a fauna long antedating the present Australian and Oriental faunas, developing along its own lines, retaining old types because they did not come into competition with the higher groups developed on the greater and less isolated continents*** On the supposition that Polynesia has always had the constitution the name implies, it is difficult to see why agencies which introduced representatives of some eight families of snails into the Hawaiian group should totally fail to act during the mesozoic and tertiary. Even Wallace felt that some explanation was called for, and speaks vaguely of the 'extensive shoals to the south and southwest,' and 'two deep submarine banks in the north Pacific between the Sandwich Islands and San Francisco.'" Again Pilsbry says, "In writing that 'none of these oceanic archipelagos present us with a single type which we may suppose to have been preserved from mesozoic times' (*l. c.*, p. 305), Wallace makes a statement totally at variance with the nature of their land molluscs." Cramp-ton has told me that he has arrived at similar views by studying the Partulae of Tahiti and other islands where they occur.

These quotations are made here simply to show how an opinion, almost universally held at one time, has had to give way to the newer interpretation of conditions in the Polynesian Islands based upon fuller collections and a better knowledge of palaeontology.

In the East Indies the islands have always been considered to be of continental origin; so that the question is not one of whether the islands have ever been connected with one another, and with the mainland, but rather one of the exact conditions as regards land-bridges and their positions. Scharff, in his

address before the Seventh international zoölogical congress on The evolution of continents as illustrated by the geographical distribution of existing animals (Proc. 7th intern. zoöl. congr., 1907, 1909, separate, p. 10-11, 1912, p. 864-865), wrote:—

“Within recent years, it has been shown that Australia must have been joined to Asia by land. This land-bridge existed, no doubt, in rather remote times, probably towards the close of the Secondary era, and became broken up perhaps during the eocene period.

“Wallace acknowledged that the Asiatic mainland extended as far to the southeast as Borneo within comparatively recent times, and that a large tract of country had since sunk, so as to produce the present configuration of the Indo-Malayan region. He was particularly impressed by the apparent sharp line of demarcation in the faunas between the small islands of Bali and Lombok, and assumed that the latter were separated by a marine channel of great depth. It has been now clearly established, however, by Weber, that no such deep channel intervenes between these islands, and that their faunas are by no means so distinct as Wallace supposed.

“The faunistic relationship of the numerous islands of the great Indo-Australian archipelago and their geological history is being energetically worked out at present with the aid of the geographical distribution of animals.

“Since Wallace’s classic investigations in this archipelago, foremost in importance from our point of view are the researches of the two Sarasins. Their remarkable work on the geological history of the island of Celebes, based on animal distribution, may truly serve as a model to those prepared to devote themselves to pursuits of a similar nature. From the time, in the dawn of the Tertiary era, when the island was still submerged by the sea, they trace its gradual evolution, the geological history of its immigrants, and its final separation from other land masses. They show that though Celebes was connected with Australia by way of New Guinea, westward with Java, Sumatra and the Malay peninsula, and also northward with the Philippine Islands, the Strait of Macassar always separated it directly from Borneo.”

Again, later still, van Kampen, in a paper entitled “De zoogeografie van den Indischen Archipel” (Nat. tijdschr. Ned. Ind., 1909, separate, p. 1-24) has given us an excellent historical account of East Indian zoögeography. An English translation of this paper will be found in the American naturalist, 1911, 45, p. 537-560. It seems hardly worth while to repeat here a discussion of the work of Müller, Earle, Wallace, the Sarasins, Max Weber, Pelseneer,

and others who have studied in these fields, since van Kampen has so recently reviewed their labors.

The most of the land connections by which each island, or group of islands, has received its present fauna have been dealt with elsewhere in this paper. We may sum up the present state of evidence by saying that, in order to account for conditions as we find them now, it must be conceded that since Cretaceous times there has existed a general land connection between southeastern Asia and the islands Sumatra, Borneo, and Java; and, at the same time, a connection between Borneo and Palawan, and possibly some other of the southern Philippines. Important evidence for this is the finding in Java of Tertiary fossils belonging to such characteristic mainland genera as *Hyaena*, *Stegodon*, *Hippopotamus*, several antelopes, etc. Then, at the other end of the group, New Guinea must have been widely connected with Australia, though this connection will need discussion to show why so many characteristic Australian types are lacking in Papuasia. New Guinea was connected in Eocene times, and probably later, with a great stretch of land which extended down to the southeastward, including certainly what are now the Bismarck Archipelago, the Solomon Islands, New Hebrides, Fiji, and probably New Caledonia, and New Zealand. This enormous territory had nothing whatever to do with Australia, though it had some relation to South America. This last statement is not a new one, since Beddard, Benham, Henry Woodward, Hutton, and von Ihering have all adopted, on various grounds, the view that there was some connection between New Zealand and southern South America (for a résumé of this subject *cf.* Suess, 4, p. 667-668). The question is, did this connection simply reach out to a previously existing Antarctic continent which had an independent connection with Australia; or was there a direct connection between New Zealand and Patagonia, independent of any connection which Australia may have had with South America? Concerning this there may be difference of opinion. In the light of more complete knowledge, it seems most reasonable to explain conditions in the simplest possible manner; this would undoubtedly be that Australia and New Zealand were connected with Patagonia by a common commissure, which may have been part of an Antarctic continent; from this continent New Zealand probably separated first, since it got few South American types compared to Australia. Antipodes, the Snares, Auckland, and the other islands lying south of New Zealand are undoubtedly remnants of this connection. There is certainly need of postulating land connections to explain the South American element in the fauna of both of these areas. The point which should be brought out most

strongly now, and which has never been adequately touched upon, is the extreme difference between New Guinea and Australia. We notice at once that a large proportion of the animals which have previously been cited as being common to New Guinea and Australia, though they may occur widespread through Papuasias are confined in Australia to the Cape York Peninsula region. Numberless examples of this sort of distribution are found among birds, reptiles, amphibians, and many other groups. Only one hypothesis can possibly explain this. The Cape York Peninsula of Australia formed an integral part of Papua for a long time; for almost as long it must have been cut off from the rest of Australia. The other part of the continent developed what we now know as the true Australian fauna, probably derived in great part from Antarctica; and just before the Torres Strait break took place, the region of the Cape York Peninsula became joined to the rest of Australia; thus a certain number of Australian creatures got into Papuasias, and ultimately reached the Solomon Islands on the one hand, and Celebes on the other, by the land connections which still persisted in these two directions. Thus we have an Australian element in Papuasias, but not a Papuan element in Australia, — the opposite of what Suess maintains (4, p. 668).

F. C. Muir, who has done extensive collecting in British New Guinea and in Upper Queensland, arrived independently at very similar views; with his permission I quote the following from one of his recent letters: —

“The Eucalyptus is a characteristic Australian plant, and goes into New Guinea and the Malayan Islands. But whereas in Australia it is the home of a very large and peculiar insect fauna, in New Guinea and the Malay Islands it is nearly destitute of insects. Australia is *very* rich in short-tongued bees. One can collect many any day; but in New Guinea and the Malayan Islands they are comparatively rare,—the Rhynchota of Fiji are far more Papuan than Australian. To anyone who has collected in British New Guinea and Queensland, the difference is very striking indeed.”

Muir then continues: —

“My opinion is that the Australian fauna and flora arose in western Australia when it was separated from east Australia. In those days east Australia was a long, mountainous island, divided from west Australia by a sea, and had a heavy rainfall. The island had then a distinct Malayan facies. When the land rose, joining east and west Australia, the east became much drier, and the western forms made headway in northern Queensland; and certain spots in southern Queensland and New South Wales, where there are still heavy rains, retain their Malayan facies; but in drier parts it is Australian. New Guinea was cut off

(if it was ever actually joined) from Australia very early; and the great development of peculiar species of birds, insects, etc., is of later date. The real difficulty is to account for such large provinces so near to one another being so distinct, not to account for a few forms getting across the narrow passage."

Muir continues by saying that he could adduce very many facts against a recent connection between the two provinces. It is interesting to see how closely his views, based upon field observations and his studies on insects, agree with my own, based upon the studies of other animals. This two-fold origin of the present Australian fauna certainly seems reasonable enough. I can not, however, agree with Muir in believing that the connection between Papua and Queensland did not persist until after east and west Australia had joined together. That a change of climate, such as Muir suggests, would tend to destroy the Malayan fauna in southern Australia if it reduced the rainfall, is quite certain. It seems, however, more reasonable to assume that the part of Australia so long connected with New Guinea was in reality rather limited; and that some of the Malayan forms, left isolated in this region, have spread to other favorable areas in the land to which the Cape York region joined. A large proportion of Papuan species in Australia would seem, from what we know of their kindred elsewhere, to be perfectly well able to adapt themselves to somewhat changed conditions; yet they are entirely confined to this Cape York region. It is unlikely that they formerly had a great range in eastern Australia.

That Suess inclines to an opinion very like that of Muir is proved by the following quotation (4, p. 292):—

"The Cordillera [of Eastern Australia] is continued, according to Haddon, Sollas, and Cole, in islands, formed chiefly of granite, from York Peninsula across Torres Straits, and it terminates on the margin of the great southern plain of New Guinea in the granite hill of Mabudauan." He continues, "The succession of marine strata in Australia presents many more gaps in the Mesozoic series than that of Timor, New Caledonia, or New Zealand. The Cretaceous system, * * * extends over broad Archaean regions; according to recent observations the desert sandstone is assigned to it."

The statement that the shallow sinking which took place to form the present Torres Straits occurred but shortly after the changes of level in Australia itself, is supported by the fact that the Solomon Islands and the New Hebrides have a strongly marked Papuan fauna, while typical Australian forms are very rare there. This is also the condition as far as New Zealand, where this connection with Papuasias and isolation from Australia is probably emphasized even by the migra-

tions of the birds. Hutton and Drummond (Animals of New Zealand, 1905, p. 19–20) ask the question:— “Why should some of the shore birds and the two Cuckoos migrate to New Zealand, while the Swallows, which are certainly quite as capable of undertaking the journey, do not come?” Possibly the answer may be found in the palaeontological history of birds. The evidence is of a negative character, and must be used with great caution; but it seems probable that the Godwit and the Cuckoo migrated to New Zealand at a time when there were no swallows in existence, and that the original land-bridge had been completely broken down before the first of the swallows arrived in Australia from Asia. We may therefore suppose that migration to and from New Zealand commenced in the Eocene period, when the land stretched away northwest to New Guinea, a time when all New Zealand was joined to the mainland.

Papuasias, judging from its markedly peculiar bird fauna, consisting of an enormous number of species and genera, and its peculiar amphibians and insects, and especially its Onychophora, would warrant its being considered a zoölogical province almost as well differentiated as that which we have always called the Australian, and quite distinct from this. It received some characteristic Australian types from among those able to distribute themselves quickly, owing to a short-lived communication with Australia (excluding Queensland) which we have discussed. This increment has not fundamentally affected the facies of the fauna of the region.

The fauna of western Australia was received by a land connection with Asia quite independent of the Papuan-Queensland bridge, if it is necessary to suppose that Australia was ever really connected with Asia. Such a connection may have had relation to the ancient arc of which Timor and Sandalwood Island are but the last remaining vestiges. These islands do not belong to the actively volcanic arc of the Lesser Sunda Islands, and have a different geologic structure. This ancient arc, too, may have led into the region of Java, and so had relation to the mainland. The islands west of Sumatra do not show evidences in their reptiles and amphibians of having formed a continuation of this arc, and of having thus formed a link between Java and the Malayan or Burmese continental region parallel to, but independent of, Sumatra. There is no hydrographic evidence of such a connection; and, though at one time it was thought that the land shells of Engaño were more like those of Java than of Sumatra, this was undoubtedly due to the fact that we then knew but little of the fauna of Sumatra, while Engaño had been visited by several collectors. *Rana microdisca* Boettger was formerly thought to have had a similar distribution, but it has since been found quite

widely distributed on Sumatra. The fact that the Javan fauna came from the mainland by way of Sumatra alone, and that the Timor arc would not seem to have been projected to the mainland independently of Sumatra, need not in any way effect a presumption that the Timor arc may have been continuous, and had existence before the arc of the present Lesser Sunda chain came into being. The latter may have had more recent origin by extravasation and accumulation, and this may have accounted for sinking of the ancient land; and this sinking then left Timor and Sandalwood the sole remnants of what was perhaps once an ancient land-bridge from west Australia to the region where Java is now.

If Timor and Sandalwood have had this relation to both Australia and the mainland, one would expect to find on them some of what are always called the "ancient Australian types." Why these types should be supposedly so very ancient is not quite clear, for there would seem to be but few types now in existence in Australia which would require us to assign to them an origin much previous to early Tertiary times. As a matter of fact, in spite of their structure, the fauna of both of these islands is strikingly similar to that of the other islands of the Lesser Sunda chain, except for certain forms in Timor which are discussed later. There can be no doubt that they both have been joined to this chain in recent geologic time. The anomalous forms in Timor are not antique relics derived from Australia, but are rather apparently of Papuasia origin. Whether the ancestors of the characteristic Australian forms came through Sandalwood and Timor in coming from Asia, and died out there naturally; or whether they were destroyed by subsequent telluric disturbances, can never be answered. They may, on the other hand, most of them have come by way of Antaretis,—perhaps even have had origin there; and in this case it is not, of course, necessary to presuppose that a continuous connection has ever existed between Australia and the continent of Asia.

The remarkable development of *Ophidia proteroglypha* in Australia can hardly be explained by assuming that they came from South America. The many species in Africa, and the scattered species in southern Asia, would rather lead one to suppose that these were the remnants of a once more general population of similar forms which have died out in extensive regions where they have come into contact with the more modern and successful viperine and crotaline types to which they themselves gave rise; while the proteroglyphs in Australia did not happen to evolve into these competing types as they did in other regions, and they themselves remained predominant, and form practically the whole Australian ophidian fauna. Their origin in Asia, and their probable spread from

Asia through Australia into South America, can hardly be doubted. They have never been especially successful in South America, and only two or three species have reached to the United States. But the many prominent forms of *Lachesis* and *Crotalus*, which have come from Eurasia, have passed south, and have met their ancestral immigrants from Australia in South and Central America.

One of the points which van Kampen and previous writers have failed to emphasize is the marked difference between the faunas of the Ke and Aru Islands. This has been spoken of in detail (p. 44-49) in the notes on the herpetology of these two groups of islands. We can not consider them both equally Papuan. The Ke Islands have an impoverished fauna, due largely to their small size; for the number of species supported by any island is, other things being equal, directly proportionate to that island's area; it is important to note that a number of typical Papuan types found on the Ke group extend further, and are met with either in the island of Ceram, or else more widely distributed in the Moluccas; while, on the other hand, the Aru Islands possess a larger and less differentiated number of true Papuan species, which are not found on other groups of islands. The mere presence of *Draco* in Ke should have suggested at once that there was a fundamental difference between the biota of the two islands.

Hartert (Nov. zool., 1901, 8, p. 2), describing a collection of birds from the Southeast Islands, — that is, those between Ceram Laut and the Ke group, — says: "Zoölogically, the Key Islands belong to the Moluccas.... Only sixty miles eastward of Dobbo in the Aru group, and just as near to New Guinea as the Aru Islands, the Key Islands have only very few specially Papuan bird forms." He continues that the Southeast Islands in general want primeval forest, and are apparently of recent, coralline nature; and that their ornithology shows relations to that of Ceram and Ke.

While dealing with the Ke Islands, it is necessary to postulate land-bridges which have existed in the past, and which have left behind them entirely different sorts of hydrographic conditions. On the one hand, there are left distinct evidences of the bridge to Ceram in the shape of submerged ridges, or chains of islets connected by submarine banks; and, on the other hand, there are no submarine traces, so far as we know, of the Ke-Aru Bridge, but rather a surprisingly deep area where once the bridge probably existed. Soundings are, however, unfortunately few in this region. Such a depth near an island, and between it and the land to which it was recently joined, is not at all a rare condition. Such an island can not have been raised out of the sea, but the dividing deep

must have been formed by subsidence. Islands presenting such deep areas all about them are simply, according to Suess (4, p. 638), great horsts, and "the theory of the permanence of oceanic basins represented by Wallace, is for this reason alone untenable." There is hydrographic evidence in the shape of extensive shoals for most of the greatly extended Papuan land which we assume existed between New Guinea and New Zealand, reaching out to and including the Fiji Islands. There are deep clefts between the Solomons and New Caledonia, but they are comparatively limited in extent. Torres Strait is so shallow as to need no comment. The deep water between Ke and Aru is remarkable, as there can be no doubt that in comparatively recent geologic times there was dry land either from Ke to Aru, or from Ke to Papua.

Mention must be made of the extremely fragmentary data which we have regarding the geology of many of the islands. This applies especially to many of the Moluccas. Suess (2, p. 171) says that the observations made on Halmahera are not sufficient to hazard even a conjecture as to the structure of the island, though regarding other islands we have a certain amount of geologic or palaeontologic information. We have spoken of the Tertiary deposit in Java, decidedly like that of the Siwalik fauna of India, which is also of late Tertiary age. No such extensive deposits have as yet been found on Borneo, though Sumatran beds are known. Mastodon, however, is known to occur on Borneo, Banka, and Sumatra, as well as on Java. If we assume that at the time of the laying down of the Javanese Tertiary beds Java was still in connection with Sumatra and the mainland, and if we also agree that Java was the first of the Greater Sunda Islands to break away from the mainland, then we see that this break must have taken place in times more recent than Tertiary. This is not a convincing argument, but it affords a working hypothesis. From the impoverished fauna which we find upon the Lesser Sunda Islands we must assume that they were separated from Java earlier still. All are agreed to this. Celebes probably existed in about the same shape that it now has, and it also became separated from the Greater Sunda Island region at this time. We know from the researches of the Sarasins that in Eocene times Celebes was covered by the sea. Its connection with Java was Pliocene (*fide* Sarasins), and along this connection came most of the animals which we find in Celebes now. The existence of both a Java Bridge and a Flores Bridge from Celebes seems now to be beyond contention. We have hydrographic evidence for both bridges in the shape of chains of islands and shoals; besides there are many species of animals from Java and Celebes which do not, so far as we know, occur in the Lesser Sunda chain. Thus it would

seem that Celebes had been in connection with Java since the Lesser Sunda chain became separated from Java, and that it was probably at the same time in connection with Flores. In this way we can account for such a distribution as that of *Sphenophryne*, a Papuan genus found in Celebes and Lombok, but not occurring in Java. If the Java Bridge was Pliocene, then, it would seem probable, as the Sarasins believe, that this Flores Bridge was also Pliocene; but the Lesser Sunda break with Java was surely much earlier. This interruption was between Bali and Lombok; and hence "Wallace's line" has the local significance, if nothing more. Though the Sarasins emphasize the essentially Indian character of the fauna of Celebes, still we must bear in mind that the reptiles and amphibians show extremely strong evidences of connection to the eastward.

It is futile to spend time discussing the faunistic relations of Celebes, in view of the completeness with which this has been worked out by the Sarasins. It should be noted, however, that there is good ground for emphasizing the possibility of there having been two bridges between Celebes and the Moluccas; for we know that the birds of Buru, and the presence of the *Babirusa* there, suggest at once a connection with Celebes; while a number of forms known from Halmahera suggest a similar connection for that island, even though there is no *Babirusa* on Halmahera; furthermore the birds of that island are widely different from those of Buru. On the other hand, such forms as *Rana moluccana*, and *Typhlops ater* have never been found on Buru.

It is extremely unfortunate that we do not know more about Obi. There is no evidence that would seem to justify the view that Obi was ever included, as has been suggested, in either one of these two bridges from Celebes to the Moluccas. Obi probably received its fauna by having been connected in the past with the old commissure which stretched from the southern peninsula of Halmahera to Papua. The Sula Islands would seem to have much more relation to Buru than to Halmahera, and probably represent the remains of the Celebes-Buru Bridge. There is no geographic evidence whatever as to the position of the Celebes-Halmahera Bridge, unless it be that the small islands of Tifori and Majo are the remains of this old land. The water about them is very deep; but, as we have said before, this is not the only place where we must assume that land has existed where now there is deep water.

The remarkable distinctness between the faunas of Borneo and Celebes is so well known as to need no emphasis here. To return to the Moluccas, we have pointed out in our remarks on the different islands that Ceram had its connection with Papua through the Ke Islands. We were unable to explain, however, and

can now offer no explanation for, the fact that Mysol, as has been pointed out, seems to bear a definite relation to Ceram as regards its reptiles. The birds of Mysol are strictly Papuan, and the relationship of the island to Papua is well established by the fact that it is separated by only the shallowest water. Rothschild and Hartert (Nov. zool., 1901, 8, p. 56) remark, after reporting on the ornithology of the island: "Mysol belongs faunistically entirely to New Guinea; and this is easily explained by the number of small islets stretching in a northern and northeastern direction from Mysol towards Salwatty and New Guinea, and the shallow sea surrounding Mysol and New Guinea; while deep sea, of more than 200 fathoms, separates Mysol from the Moluccan Islands. Most of the birds are quite similar to those of New Guinea; others, subspecifically allied to the latter. Moluccan influence is scarcely perceptible." Nevertheless, the strong Malayan element in the herpetology can only be explained by supposing either that there has been a land-bridge to Ceram where deep water now exists, or that we have to do with a number of erroneous records. We have not seen reports of any recent collections made in Mysol, but it hardly seems possible that so many records are invalid.

The relation of Halmahera to New Guinea has already been spoken of; and there remains now to mention the fact that Timor has a strong Australian, and perhaps a Papuan, tinge to the fauna, which has probably not come through Timor-Laut, which lies but a little off the great shallow bank that extends out beyond the Aru Islands, from there down to Melville Island, and thence far to the southward. The fauna of Timor-Laut is different from that of Timor; therefore it seems entirely possible that while Timor-Laut may have been connected formerly with the Ke Islands, or with Papuan land about Aru, and so indirectly with the Moluccas, Timor must have been connected directly with some old extension of Papuan land reaching westward. A connection which allowed such forms as *Liasis* and *Chelodina* to reach Timor must have been fairly recent, or perhaps have lasted for a very long time.

This whole series of suggestions may seem absurdly simple, for there can be no possible doubt that conditions were far more complicated than these conclusions would seem to presuppose. There is strong evidence of a two-fold fauna in Java. This would make it far from improbable that Java was for a long time in reality two islands, since the west Javanese fauna is in many respects strikingly different from that of east Java. Moreover climatic conditions are very different in the two ends of the island, west Java being far more heavily forested, and having a much greater annual rainfall, than east Java. Again,

as one would expect, British New Guinea — *i. e.* that part of the island lying along the Papuan Gulf and Torres Strait — supports the great majority of the forms which are so strikingly similar to those of Queensland. The western end of New Guinea, even now almost cut off from the main bulk of the island by the Great Geelvink Bay and McCluer Gulf, has a very distinct fauna, and certainly has not always been connected with the rest of Papua. The birds of the region of Mt. Arfak are almost always specifically, and often generically, distinct from their relatives in the Owen Stanley and Finisterre ranges. The same thing is almost equally true of the ornithology of the coastal plain region. The reptiles and amphibians are strikingly dissimilar, as a glance at the table of distribution will show. Again, the question is not yet conclusively settled as to whether Celebes was pushed up from the sea as a single island with shape similar to that which it now has; or whether, as Weber holds, it has been formed by the consolidation of several separate islands, which have each received their fauna from a separate region, and these islands, having fused, gave Celebes the composite fauna which it now supports. This particular question, however, is really of no special importance. The point of real importance is the three-fold origin of the fauna itself.

The relation of the Philippines to Halmahera is a question which still awaits solution. It seems possible to project the line of recent volcanoes through Halmahera up to Mindanao; in which case land may well have existed along a similar line. Lines of recent extensive faulting often give rise to volcanoes, and this may have been the case here. Such a connection, however, can hardly be urged as a substitute for the Celebes-Halmahera Bridge. The types which suggest immigration from Celebes do not occur among the southern Philippines, except for some on Palawan. The relation of Mindoro to Celebes, suggested at once by the distribution of the pigmy buffaloes, is, according to Bartsch, also evident from a study of the land-snails. Mindanao, with a fauna different from that of Celebes and Mindoro, must needs be of more recent origin. It has probably replaced, by having been lifted again from the sea, some of the land which became submarine between Celebes and Mindoro; and, joining with other islands, received a typical Malayan fauna from Borneo, and some Celebesian types from small islands that may have represented unsubmerged mountain peaks of the older land-mass, and that supported some of the types common to Mindoro and Celebes. The Papuan element in the amphibian fauna of Borneo may be a true relic-fauna; for the engystomatids, which exhibit such a very noteworthy elaboration in Papua, may have come from Borneo to Halmahera

through the southern Philippines. Mindanao and Halmahera both support a number of engystomatid genera; but these forms are not abundant in Celebes, nor, so far as we know, in the Lesser Sunda chain, where we would expect to find more of them if they got to Papua by this route. The few occurring there represent probably what is really a back-flow from Halmahera. Borneo is well known herpetologically; but these small, inconspicuous frogs are very difficult to collect, and many may yet remain undiscovered both here and in the southern Philippines. Most of the Papuan species are known by only few examples, and new forms are being discovered constantly. I have described the most recently found generic type, *Pomatops valvifera* Barbour, from a single example taken from the stomach of a *Natrix mairii* Gray. That the land-bridges by which such forms as these got from Malaya to Papuasias were narrow necks of land that probably rose steeply from the sea is suggested, as van Kampen has remarked, by the fact that the great majority of the types which were successful in extending their range to Papua are those which in their development skip the free-swimming larval period, and escape from the egg as completely metamorphosed adults. This is doubtless an adaptation to life in a land where there is little or no standing water, which was probably the condition on these narrow stretches of land. We know certainly that there is no dearth of standing water suitable for spawning places on either Borneo, Mindanao, or Papua. So far as we know, Ceram is very poor in amphibians, as are also Ambon and Buru, though of the latter we know practically nothing. So, for this reason again, it seems likely that the southern Moluccas were not in the direct route of migration of the Engystomatidae, or of the *Rana varians*- or *R. moluccana*-like form which gave rise to *Rana papua* in New Guinea. The connection of Ceram with Papua may have been of so narrow a form and of so transitory a nature that reptiles and birds passed across easily, but that only few amphibians came over. Again the Ceram-Ke-Papua Bridge, or the Ceram-Mysol-Papua Bridge may have existed before so many varied amphibian types became differentiated from one another by some process akin to what Osborn has called the law of adaptive radiation; or the bridges between Ceram and Papua may have already disappeared before the influx of amphibians by way of Halmahera. This is quite possible, since Mysol, which probably supports an amphibian fauna similar to that of Papua (though we know nothing of it as yet), would have lain directly in the migration route from Halmahera to Papua, and hence would have passed on these amphibians to Ceram, if a suitable bridge had existed for them to cross on. The amphibians now existing in New Guinea strike one at once as being

peculiar in that their distribution shows no special correlation to that of the reptiles. To be sure, they have been derived from the same two directions; and the engystomatids from the Asiatic continent, which appear to have come from Borneo through the southern Philippines, and so to Papua, met there the hylids, and the single cystignathid, *Aphaniotis novae-guineae* van Kampen, which have come from South America by way of Australia. That these amphibians have been established in New Guinea for a very long time, perhaps even since the beginning of the Tertiary, is shown by the great number of generic types which are autogenous in Papua.

With the reptiles of New Guinea we find that specific differentiation is general, but that only a few genera are entirely confined to the island. This suggests at once that the amphibians reached New Guinea long before the reptiles, and this is probably the case; though there seems no special reason to assume that the later migration of reptiles came along a different highway than that over which the ancestors of these peculiar endemic genera of amphibians had already passed. It is not necessary to assume that both reptiles and amphibians had coincident periods of maximum activity of dispersal, since there is no reason to believe that the amphibians are much more plastic, or much more subject to evolution by isolation, than are reptiles. This condition of these two groups in Papua is in marked contrast to the condition in Sumatra, for instance, an island which was long an actual part of the continent, and not a distant area connected by narrow and perhaps short-lived bridges with the most outlying region of the continental area. It seems fair to state that the amphibians of New Guinea form a very old fauna, derived even before the migration of opisthoglyphs into Australia, and certainly of much older origin than the greater part of the reptilian fauna of New Guinea itself.

The finding of *Cornufer* widespread from Fiji to the Philippines, as well as the development of *Ranas* and of *Rana* derivatives in the Solomon Islands, would make it appear probable that the Ranidae came to Papuasias before the Engystomatidae, or else that the latter, in spite of their adaptation to xerophilous life, spread less successfully.

Another explanation of this state of affairs which may be a solution to the question is that the Ranidae may have come from Celebes to the southern Moluccas, and so to Papua, and passed on quickly to the Solomon Islands and Fiji; while the Engystomatidae may have come through the southern Philippines to Halmahera, as has been indicated before, and, spreading more slowly, found the Bismarck, Solomon, and Fiji Archipelagos cut off from Papua before their advent.

Mention has been made elsewhere in this paper that, broadly speaking, the number of species supported by any given island bears a direct relation to the area of the island in question. This is not an easy theory to confirm with definite data, inasmuch as two islands that appear to be geographically of about the same size may in reality be vastly different in superficial areas, according to the surface features of the country. Thus, in the West Indies, Jamaica and Porto Rico appear to be of about the same size. It is evident at once, however, that the fauna of Jamaica is vastly greater than that of the other island. It may be argued that this is due to Jamaica's being nearer to the mainland source of supply; but the fact that the whole island is traversed by high mountain ranges of broken peaks, while Porto Rico has only one or two isolated highland areas, would seem to offer the true solution of the question. So in the East Indies, taking the islands in the order of their size, the numbers of species of reptiles and amphibians are about as follows:—

	Amphibia	Reptilia
New Guinea	70	144
Borneo	79	207
Sumatra	48	166
Celebes	26	83
Java	37	122

Papua and Borneo are of practically the same size. Recent accounts of surveys of them indicate that New Guinea is really the larger island. Enormous ranges of high mountains give it, of course, a vastly greater surface area. At the rate at which new species have been found in New Guinea, during the last few years, it will soon take its place at the head of the list. In Borneo, on the other hand, new species of reptiles and amphibians are now but rarely found, and our systematic knowledge of the fauna is probably approximately complete. Celebes has a larger area than Java; but, on the other hand, it has many fewer peaks, its highlands being mostly of the nature of plateaux, while in Java there are many chains composed of high peaks rising from lowland areas. This, coupled with the fact that it is somewhat nearer the source of supply whence the fauna of Celebes has come, gives it a larger fauna than seems to be present in Celebes; though here, again, we must remember that Java is the best known island in the entire archipelago. The fact that the Ke Islands, which, zoologically, seem to be very closely related to Ceram, have so few amphibians and so many less reptiles than Ceram is probably due to the same factor. When the Moluccas are really well explored, we shall probably find that Halmahera holds the lead it now has in point of number of species found on it; while Ceram will come next, and Buru,

Morotai, and Obi will follow in the order named, which is the sequence in which their comparative areas place them.

The competition to which the different individuals of a species are subjected is probably of a completely different sort from that between different species; the latter sort of competition, a phenomenon of which we know little or nothing, is probably the real cause for the relation which area bears to species population.

A glance at the table of distribution, p. 169-203, will show at once that, so far as the distribution of Reptilia and Amphibia is concerned, there is no evidence whatever of the existence of what has been called a Wallace's line, a Weber's line, or any other similar faunistic boundary. To be sure, a few conspicuous forms might be chosen whose limits of distribution more or less coincided, and to this limit a "Line name" might be given. Such lines could be drawn anywhere through the whole area, and each would limit the distribution of some form or forms. Probably no species reaches from Malaya to Papua unchanged. *Dibamus novae-guineae* is supposed to do this now, but the identification upon which the Malay Peninsula records rest was perforce based upon the study of an immature example. A number of Malayan species do reach Halmahera, Mysol, Ceram, the Ke Islands, and Timor-Laut; and this north-south series of islands forms the only semblance of a zoölogic frontier in the region. Moluccan species of Malayan genera have reached Papua in numbers, and many other Malayan genera are represented in Papua by peculiar species. Papuan species are traceable to Celebes and Lombok. Here again that this gap is bridged is shown by the number of species which are common to Sumatra, Java, and Celebes, or to Sumatra, Java, and the Lesser Sunda chain. Thus, no line of demarcation having a fundamental significance is really existent here.

An intensive study of Ceram, Buru, the Sula Islands, and some of the Lesser Sunda Islands, both between Timor and Timor-Laut, and between Timor and Java, will be necessary before the subject can be really satisfactorily attacked. The work of the Sarasins in Celebes, and of Kükenthal in Halmahera, stand out as superb examples of what can be done; but more, far more, such work is needed.

I have tried in this paper to collect all the existing authentic data regarding the occurrence of Reptilia and Amphibia in the Archipelago, as well as to define their distribution, and, so far as possible, point out the probable origin of the herpetologic fauna of each island. The task has been aided by a knowledge of geographic conditions which only a voyage through the Archipelago can give; nevertheless no one can realize more fully than I how inadequate has been my treatment of a most absorbing subject.

SUMMARY.

The following conclusions seem warranted by the evidence obtained. It is to be emphasized that these conclusions are based primarily on herpetologic evidence only.

1. The fauna of the three Greater Sunda Islands, Sumatra, Borneo, and Java, has been entirely derived from the Malay Peninsula region. The supposed Papuan element in the Javan fauna, which has been emphasized by Werner, is probably entirely non-existent.

2. The islands off the western coast of Sumatra have probably not formed an ancient highway whereby the migration of animals once took place between Java and the mainland, but have rather formed a part of three great peninsulas which jutted out to the westward from Sumatra, and along which they received the fauna which they support. This explanation is proposed in place of the one previously suggested, that each island received its animal population from that part of Sumatra which was nearest to it in point of distance.

3. The relation of Celebes to the regions lying eastward suggest that there have been two bridges between Celebes and the Moluccas.

4. The evidence is not conclusive that Obi ever had direct relationship with Celebes or either of the Celebes-Molucca Bridges. The soundings suggest that it may have received its fauna by having been joined to the old commissure which stretched from southeastern Halmahera to Papua.

5. Mysol supports a most anomalous fauna, if the records for the occurrences of species on this island can all be believed. The reptiles seem to show a marked relationship with those of Ceram and the southern Moluccas, though hydrographically the islands seem to be intimately related to Papua only, while the mammalian and avi faunas are both evidently purely Papuan.

6. The distribution of the genus *Casuaris* among flightless birds is paralleled by that of *Acanthophis*, and by that of certain burrowing skinks; so that Ceram seems to be connected with Papua more intimately and more recently than any other of the Moluccas. This connection was probably by way of the Southwest and Ke Island groups.

7. The Ke Islands should not be considered equally with the Aru Islands as having a Papuan fauna. The conditions in the two groups are fundamentally different, and the creatures which they support show that the Ke Islands have had direct relations with the Moluccas which the Aru Islands have not had, hence their fauna is much more Malaysian in character.

8. Apparently the Papuanian fauna, taken as a whole, is sufficiently well differentiated to be considered as an entity almost as distinct as that which has always been called the typically Australian fauna. This is shown by the conditions seen amongst a number of groups of animals. There is also evidence of a distinct fauna in western Dutch New Guinea, which may have been separated from eastern Papua during part of the time that eastern Papua was one with northern Queensland.

9. The manifold origin of the fauna of Australia seems worthy of emphasis. That the cystignathids and hylids, among amphibians, came from South America seems to be almost beyond contention; while other groups suggest an Asiatic derivation. The assumption that in western Australia the many characteristic Australian types were evolved while this region was separated from Queensland, and while the latter was in connection with New Guinea, seems to be the only satisfactory explanation of the fact that there is so strong a Papuanian element in the fauna of Queensland, and that so many of the autochthonous Australian genera are absent from New Guinea.

10. Broadly speaking, flotsam and jetsam methods of dispersal have played a negligible part in providing any of the islands under discussion with the fauna which they now support, although in some cases species carried by human agency have circulated widely.

11. There is evidence, though as yet it is of an unsatisfactory and fragmentary nature, that the species population of an island has a very direct relation with the surface area of that island, other things being equal. It would not be possible, however, to compare in this way the faunas of two islands having the same size if one of them had a heavy rainfall and luxuriant vegetation, while the other was arid.

The evidence which would show that any existing island has remained unchanged faunally since the time when it formed a part of the land-bridge between Australia (not Queensland) and continental Asia is apparently altogether wanting. The geologic formation of Timor and Sandalwood (or Sumba Island) would lead one to suppose that these islands might be the remains of an ancient synclinal arc which curved from Australia toward the mainland. The zoölogic evidence is unsatisfactory, although Timor supports a number of species which are in marked contrast to those found throughout the Lesser Sunda Island chain.

13. Neither Wallace's nor any other line can be held to form a real zoölogical boundary. A transition zone with a fairly definite western frontier and with an eastern frontier incapable of equally clear definition seems really to be

the condition which serves to separate the Malayan from the Papuasian subregions. This zone may be about equally well defined for any of the groups of land animals, and the boundaries for the distribution of the several groups coincide with reasonable accuracy.

POSTSCRIPT.

Since this paper was written several reports upon the herpetology of the East Indies have been received. The records for these new species and new localities have been added to the table of distribution. These additions have naturally made differences, in some cases, regarding what is said in the body of this work regarding the number of autothonous species in the various islands, and the range of distribution for some other species. It was thought best, however, to bring the information in the table as nearly down to date as possible. Every effort has been made to have them complete and accurate. The writer begs that readers noting errors and omissions will communicate them to him, as it is hoped to republish the table from time to time.

The reports recently received are those of Nelly de Rooy (Nova Guinea, 1909, 5, livr. 3, p. 375-383, pl. 17-18), and two by T. W. van Lidth de Jeude, (Nova Guinea, 1911, 5, livr. 4, 1911, p. 519-530, and 9, livr. 2, p. 265-287, pl. 8). These reports are all upon the rich booty of the various recent expeditions which have been exploring Netherland's Papua under the auspices of the Dutch government and scientific societies. Many important new species are described, and the ranges of many other known species from Malaysia, Queensland, and even the Philippines, have been extended to include Papua.

Besides these purely herpetological reports, another has appeared by Max Weber, "Die fische der Aru- und Kei-Inseln. Ein beitrag zur zoogeographie dieser inseln." Abh. Senck. naturf. ges., Frankfurt, A. M., 1911, 34, p. 3-49, taf. 1-2. This analyzes very carefully the fish faunas of these two groups, with special reference to those forms which are known to be absolutely confined to fresh-water. Weber's conclusions are summed up in the closing sentence of his remarks upon the zoögeography of the island. "Wohl aber dürfen wir nach dem vorliegenden Matériale schliessen, dass die Süsswasserfische von Hoch-Kei durchaus indischen Charakters sind und ganz verschieden von denen der Aru-Inseln, welche letztere einen ausgesprochen australischen (papuanischen) Charakter besitzen." This substantiates what is stated earlier in this paper regarding the difference in the faunas of these two groups, when it was pointed out that there was a great difference in the reptilian and amphibian faunae of

the two groups. The Ke Islands support many forms which have passed from Papua to the Moluccas, while the Aru Islands, probably geologically much younger, support few species which Papua has in common with the other islands, Ceram for instance.

Still more recently Fry (Rec. Aust. mus., 1912, 9, p. 87-106, pl. 8-9) has described several species of a new engystomatid genus, *Austrochaperina*, from Queensland. This most important discovery emphasizes what has already been said about the Papuan element in the Queensland fauna. A feature so prominent as to demark this region sharply from the rest of Australia and to really permit of our considering Queensland as practically a zoölogic dependency of Papua.

At the last moment, after this paper was in page proof, I received from Dr. Boulenger a notice entitled "On some tree-frogs allied to *Hyla caerulea*." (Zool. jahrb. Suppl., 1912, 15, 1, p. 211-218). This affects one species which is referred to frequently and others less often mentioned. *Hyla dolichopsis* (Cope) becomes a synonym of *Hyla infrafronata* (Günther). The latter was described from a young Australian example and the former from a Moluccan adult. Dr. Boulenger forestalls what I have said regarding the characters of the variety *tenuigranulata* Boettger; this form can not be recognized. The other variety, *pollicaris*, described by Werner is a synonym of the valid species *Hyla militaria* Ramsay, the type of which also came from New Britain. *Hyla aruensis* Horst becomes a synonym of *Hyla infrafronata* (Günther) so that its anomalous distribution, Aru Islands and Mysol, is quite insignificant. Dr. Boulenger also relegates van Kampen's *Hyla sanguinolenta* to the same category. Two new species are described *Hyla spengeli* and *Hyla humeralis*, the former is described from a single female and the latter from two males. Both forms are very close to, if really distinct from, *Hyla infrafronata*. A long and most interesting table of measurements of specimens of *Hyla caerulea* and *H. infrafronata* is also contained in the paper and the series shows that the former, usually considered an Australian species pure and simple, occurs in the Owen Stanley Mountain range of British Papua along with its near ally, *Hyla infrafronata*.

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Sphenomorphus milnensis (Boulenger)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
Sphenomorphus modigliani (Boulenger)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
Sphenomorphus nigrolineatus (Boulenger)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
Sphenomorphus shelfordi (Boulenger)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
Sphenomorphus variegatus (Peters)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
Sphenomorphus jobiensis (Meyer)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
Sphenomorphus saracinorum (Boulenger)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
Sphenomorphus tropidonotus (Boulenger)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
Sphenomorphus florensis (M. Weber)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
Sphenomorphus striolatus (M. Weber)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
Sphenomorphus emigrans (van Lidth)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
Sphenomorphus anomalopus (Boulenger)	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
Sphenomorphus tigrinus (van Lidth)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
Sphenomorphus sanctus (Dum. & Bibr.)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		
Sphenomorphus solomonis (Boulenger)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
Sphenomorphus woodfordii (Boulenger)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
Sphenomorphus concinnatus (Boulenger)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sphenomorphus aruanus (Roux)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Emoia cyanurum (Lesson)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
Emoia mivarti (Boulenger)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
Emoia cyanogaster (Lesson)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
Emoia sorex (Boettger) ¹	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	

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SAURIA.	India.	Ceylon.	Burma.	China.	Cochin China.	Siam.	Malay Penin.	Philippine Is.	Natuna Is.	Borneo.	Sumatra.	Nias.	Mentawai Is.	Engaño.	Banka.	Riouw Is.	Java.	Bali.
<i>Lygosoma muelleri</i> (Schlegel)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Lygosoma chalcides</i> (Linné)	.	.	.	×	.	×	×	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	×	.
<i>Lygosoma pratti</i> (Boulenger)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Lygosoma sumatrense</i> (Günther)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Lygosoma lorise</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Siaphos infralineolatum</i> (Günther)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Siaphos quadrivittatum</i> (Peters)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Siaphos relictum</i> (Vinciguerra)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	×	.	.	.	.
<i>Cryptoblepharus boutonii</i> (Desjardin)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	×	×
<i>Tropidophorus beccarii</i> (Peters)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Tropidophorus brookii</i> (Gray)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Tropidophorus iniquus</i> van Lidth	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Tropidophorus micropus</i> van Lidth	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Tropidophorus moccuardii</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Tropidophorus queenslandiae</i> DeVis.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Tropidophorus grayi</i> Günther	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Tribolonotus novae-guineae</i> (Schlegel)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Tribolonotus gracilis</i> de Rooy	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dibamus novae-guineae</i> Dum. & Bibr.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SERPENTES.																		
<i>Typhlops lineatus</i> Schlegel	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	×	×	.	.	.	.	.	×	.
<i>Typhlops braminus</i> (Daudin)	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	.	×	×	.	.	.	×	.	×	.
<i>Typhlops leucoproctus</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Typhlops muelleri</i> Schlegel	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Typhlops flaviventer</i> Peters	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Typhlops kraalii</i> Doria	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Typhlops bisubocularis</i> Boettger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Typhlops polygrammicus</i> Schlegel	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.
<i>Typhlops multilineatus</i> Schlegel	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Typhlops olivaceus</i> (Gray)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	×	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Typhlops ater</i> Schlegel	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.
<i>Typhlops inornatus</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Typhlops erycinus</i> Werner	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Typhlops floris</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Typhlops depressus</i> Peters	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Typhlops philococos</i> Werner	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Typhlops subocularis</i> Waite	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Typhlops lorenzi</i> Werner	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Typhlops aluensis</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Typhlops elberti</i> Roux	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Liasis fuscus</i> Peters	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Liasis maccloti</i> Dum. & Bibr. ¹	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Liasis albertisii</i> Ptrs. & Doria	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Liasis papuanus</i> Ptrs. & Doria	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Liasis tornieri</i> Werner	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

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SERPENTES.	India.	Ceylon.	Burma.	China.	Cochin China.	Siam.	Malay Penin.	Philippine Is.	Natuna Is.	Borneo.	Sumatra.	Nias.	Mentawai Is.	Engaño.	Banka.	Riouw Is.	Java.	Bali.
<i>Python spilotes</i> (Lacep.)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Python amethystinus</i> (Schneider)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Python timorensis</i> (Peters)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Python reticulatus</i> (Schneider)	.	.	×	.	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	.	.	.	×	.
<i>Python bivittatus</i> Schlegel	.	.	×	×	×	×	×	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	×	.
<i>Python curtus</i> Schlegel	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	×	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Chondropython viridis</i> (Schlegel)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Nardoa boa</i> (Schlegel)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Enygrus carinatus</i> (Schneider)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Enygrus asper</i> (Günther)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Enygrus australis</i> Montrouzier	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Enygrus bibronii</i> Hombr. & Jacq.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anomalochilus weberi</i> van Lidth	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Cylindrophis rufus</i> (Laurenti)	.	.	×	.	×	×	×	.	.	×	×	.	.	.	.	.	×	.
<i>Cylindrophis opisthorhodus</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Cylindrophis isolepis</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Cylindrophis lineatus</i> Blanford	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Cylindrophis boulengeri</i> Roux ¹	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Xenopeltis unicolor</i> Reinwardt	×	.	×	.	.	×	×	.	.	×	×	×	.	.	.	.	×	.
<i>Acrochordus javanicus</i> Hornstedt	.	.	.	.	.	×	×	.	.	×	×	×	.	.	.	.	×	.
<i>Chersydrus granulatus</i> (Schneider)	×	×	×	.	×	×	×	×	.	×	×	.	.	.	.	.	×	.
<i>Xenodermus javanicus</i> Reinh.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	×	×	.	.	.	.	.	×	.
<i>Stoliczkaia borneensis</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anoplohydrus aemulans</i> Werner	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sibynophis geminatus</i> (Boie)	.	.	.	.	.	×	×	.	.	×	×	×	.	.	.	.	×	.
<i>Xenochrophis viperinus</i> Schenkel	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Natrix picturata</i> (Schlegel)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Natrix truncata</i> (Peters)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Natrix punctiventris</i> (Boettger)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Natrix celebica</i> (Ptrs. & Doria)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Natrix dahli</i> Werner	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Natrix doriae</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Natrix elongata</i> (Jan)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Natrix mairii</i> (Gray)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Natrix conspicillata</i> (Günther)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	×	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Natrix trianguligera</i> (Boie)	.	.	×	.	.	.	×	.	.	×	×	×	×	×	.	.	×	.
<i>Natrix petersii</i> (Boulenger)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Natrix piscator</i> (Schneider)	×	.	×	×	×	×	×	.	.	×	×	.	.	.	.	×	×	.
<i>Natrix vittata</i> (Linné)	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	×	.

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SERPENTES.	India.	Ceylon.	Burma.	China.	Cochin China.	Siam.	Malay Penin.	Philippine Is.	Natuna Is.	Borneo.	Sumatra.	Nias.	Mentawai Is.	Engafo.	Banka.	Riouw Is.	Java.	P. I.
<i>Natrix subminiata</i> (Schlegel)	X	.	X	X	X	X	X	.	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	.	X	.
<i>Natrix chrysarga</i> (Schlegel)	X	.	X	X	.	.	X	X	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.	X	.
<i>Natrix maculata</i> (Edeling)	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Natrix chrysargoides</i> (Günther)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.
<i>Natrix saravacensis</i> (Günther)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Natrix flavifrons</i> (Boulenger)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Natrix saracinorum</i> (Boulenger)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Natrix hypomelas</i> (Günther)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Natrix halmaherica</i> (Boettger)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Natrix montana</i> (van. Lidth de Jeude)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Natrix novae guineae</i> (van. Lidth de Jeude)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Macropisthodon flaviceps</i> (Dum. & Bibr.)	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Macropisthodon rhodomelas</i> (Boie)	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	.	X	.
<i>Pseudoxenodon intermedius</i> Lönnberg	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.
<i>Pseudoxenodon inornatus</i> (Boie)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.
<i>Hydrablades periops</i> (Günther)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Hydrablades praefrontalis</i> (Macquard)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Opisthotropis rugosa</i> (van Lidth de Jeude)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Opisthotropis typica</i> (Macquard)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Brachyorrhus albus</i> (Linné)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Elapoides fuscus</i> Boie	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	X	.
<i>Lycodon aulicus</i> (Linné)	X	X	X	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	X	.
<i>Lycodon effrenis</i> Cantor	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Lycodon stormi</i> Boettger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Lycodon albofuscus</i> (Dum. & Bibr.)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	X	X	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Lycodon subcinctus</i> Boie	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	X	.	X	X	X	.	.	.	.	X	.
<i>Lepturophis borneensis</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Stegonotus cuculatus</i> (Dum. & Bibr.)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Stegonotus modestus</i> (Schlegel)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Stegonotus heterurus</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Stegonotus batjanensis</i> (Günther)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Stegonotus guentheri</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Stegonotus reticulatus</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Stegonotus magnus</i> Meyer	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dryocalamus subanulatus</i> (Dum. & Bibr.)	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dryocalamus tristigatus</i> (Günther)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Zaocys carinatus</i> (Günther)	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	.	X	.
<i>Zaocys fuscus</i> (Günther)	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ptyas dipsas</i> (Schlegel)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ptyas korros</i> (Schlegel)	X	.	X	X	.	X	X	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	X	.
<i>Ptyas mucosus</i> (Linné)	X	X	X	X	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.

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SERPENTES.	India.	Ceylon.	Burma.	China.	Cochin China.	Siam.	Malay Penin.	Philippine Is.	Natuna Is.	Borneo.	Sumatra.	Nias.	Mentawai Is.	Engaño.	Banka.	Riouw Is.	Java.	Rali
<i>Xenelaphis hexagonotus</i> (Cantor)	.	.	×	.	.	.	×	.	.	×	×	.	.	.	.	.	×	.
<i>Xenelaphis ellipsifer</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Elaphe porphyracea</i> (Cantor)	×	.	×	×	.	.	×	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Elaphe taeniura</i> (Cope)	×	.	.	×	×	×	×	.	.	×	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Elaphe janseni</i> (Bleeker)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Elaphe melanura</i> (Schlegel)	.	.	×	×	.	.	×	.	.	×	×	×	.	.	.	.	×	.
<i>Elaphe radiata</i> (Schlegel)	×	.	×	×	×	×	×	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	×	.
<i>Elaphe erythrura</i> (Dum. & Bibr.)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Elaphe enganensis</i> (Vinciguerra)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.
<i>Elaphe subradiata</i> (Schlegel)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Elaphe timoriensis</i> (B. Ferreira)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Gonyosoma oxycephala</i> (Boie)	×	.	×	.	.	.	×	×	×	×	×	×	.	.	.	.	×	.
<i>Gonyophis margaritatus</i> (Peters)	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dendrophis pictus</i> (Gmelin)	×	.	×	.	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	.	.	.	.	×	.
<i>Dendrophis calligaster</i> Günther	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dendrophis formosus</i> Boie	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	×	×	.	.	.	.	.	×	.
<i>Dendrophis lineolatus</i> Hombr. & Jacq.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dendrophis gastrostictus</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dendrophis meeki</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dendrophis nouhuysii</i> van Lidth de Jeude	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dendrophis lorentzii</i> van Lidth de Jeude	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dendrophis elegans</i> Douglas Ogilby	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dendrophis papuae</i> Douglas Ogilby	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dendrelaphis inornatus</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dendrelaphis candolineatus</i> (Gray)	×	.	×	.	.	.	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dendrelaphis terrificus</i> (Peters)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dendrelaphis modestus</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dendrelaphis papuensis</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Dendrelaphis schlenckeii</i> Douglas Ogilby	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Holarchus purpurascens</i> (Schlegel)	.	.	.	×	×	×	×	.	.	×	×	×	×	.	.	.	×	.
<i>Holarchus octolineatus</i> (Schneider)	×	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	×	×	×	.	.	.	.	×	.
<i>Holarchus forbesii</i> (Boulenger)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Holarchus signatus</i> (Günther)	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	×	.
<i>Holarchus annulifer</i> (Boulenger)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Holarchus subcarinatus</i> (Günther)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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<i>Oligodon everetti</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Oligodon propinquus</i> Jan	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.
<i>Oligodon vertebralis</i> (Günther)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Oligodon waandersii</i> (Bleeker)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Oligodon taeniurus</i> F. Müller	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Oligodon pulcherrimus</i> Werner	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Liopeltis tricolor</i> (Schlegel)	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	×	×	×	.	.	.	.	×	.
<i>Liopeltis longicaudus</i> (Peters)	.	.	.	.	.	.	×	.	.	×	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

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<i>Pseudelaps muelleri</i> (Schlegel)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Apisthocalamus loennbergii</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Apisthocalamus loriae</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Apisthocalamus prattii</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Pseudapisthocalamus nymani</i> Lönnberg	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Toxicocalamus stanleyanus</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Toxicocalamus longissimus</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Diemenia olivacea</i> (Gray)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Diemenia psammophis</i> (Schlegel)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Pseudechis papuanus</i> Ptrs. & Doria	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Pseudechis scutellatus</i> Peters	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Pseudechis australis</i> Gray	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Denisonia melanura</i> (Boulenger)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Denisonia par</i> (Boulenger)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Denisonia woodfordii</i> (Boulenger)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Micropechis ikaheka</i> (Lesson)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Micropechis elapoides</i> (Boulenger)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Acanthophis antarcticus</i> (Shaw)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Bungarus fasciatus</i> (Schn.)	.	×	.	×	×	×	×	×	.	.	×	×	.	.	.	.	.	×
<i>Bungarus candidus</i> (Linné)	×	.	×	×	.	.	×	.	.	.	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	×
<i>Bungarus flaviceps</i> Reinhardt	.	.	×	.	×	.	×	.	.	×	×	×	.	.	.	.	.	×
<i>Naja naja</i> (Linné)	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	.	×	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	×
<i>Naja hannah</i> (Cantor)	×	.	×	×	×	×	×	×	.	×	×	.	.	.	.	.	.	×
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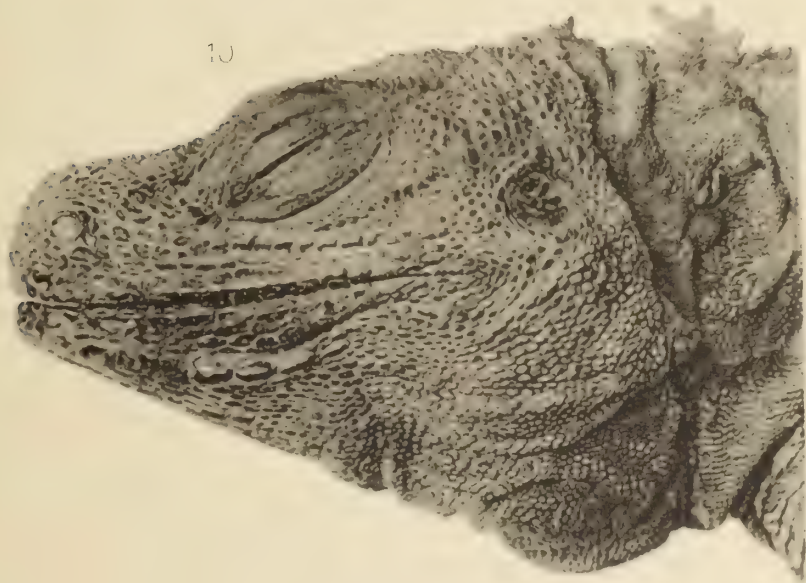


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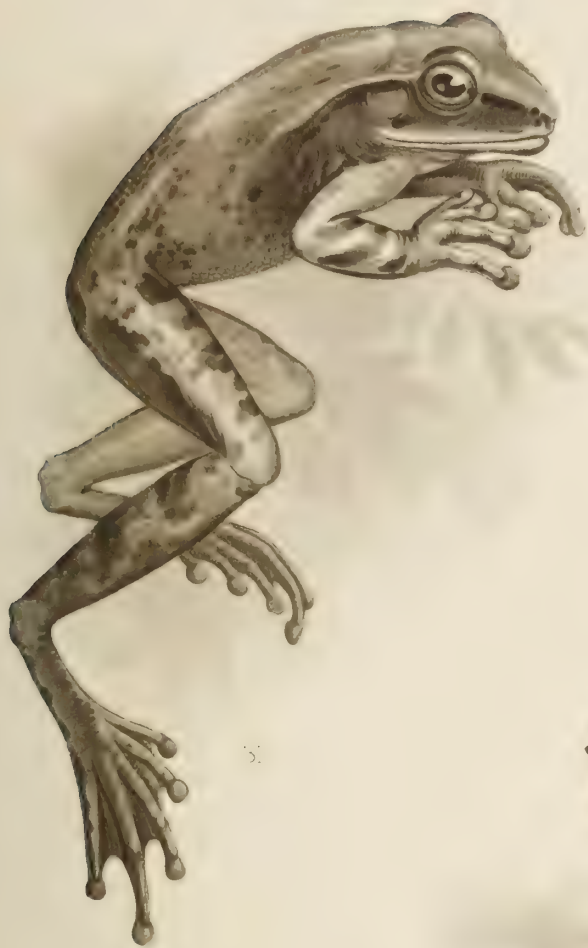


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INTRODUCTION.

SINCE its earliest years the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy has received many collections representing the fauna of the West Indian Islands. To mention a few of these, Louis Agassiz and the other scientists on the HASSLER collected at St. Thomas, on their memorable voyage; and later — from 1877 to 1880 — the BLAKE visited very many of the islands. The opportunity to collect upon all of them was eagerly grasped by Mr. Samuel Garman, who was Assistant Naturalist on the BLAKE during part of the time that she was in charge of Alexander Agassiz. Collections were procured upon other islands than those at which the BLAKE touched by the kindness of enthusiastic colonists and others. The material available from Porto Rico consists of some received from Dr. A. Stahl, long a resident of Bayamon; some collected by Garman; and other specimens got by exchange from the United States national museum, collected by Stejneger and Richmond. From San Domingo as well as Guadeloupe there are specimens sent to Louis Agassiz by Duméril from the Paris museum. This material has a unique value, since it formed in many cases part of the material studied by Duméril and Bibron for their great *Erpétologie général*. More recently there has been received material collected by Mr. A. H. Verrill at Santiago de la Vega. From Haiti the Museum contains the large collection of Weinland, made at Jeremie and other points in the western district of the island; and from this collection Cope described many of the species peculiar to the island, although some were described by Garman at a later date. The most recent Haitian material comes as a part of the results of Mr. W. M. Mann's trip to the island from November, 1912 to February, 1913. From Cuba there is material contributed by Filipe Poey, Samuel H. Scudder, Wirt Robinson, and others. I have added to the collections the material collected during trips to the Bahamas, Cuba, and Jamaica. One of the special incentives to writing this paper was afforded by a large and finely preserved collection received from Grenada.

During a part of the summer of 1910 (August 17 to September 25) Messrs. G. M. Allen and C. T. Brues worked at Grenada in the interest of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy. In view of the fact that in several branches the Museum already possessed adequate collections from this island, special efforts were made to collect only the most interesting and little-known elements in the fauna. Thus Dr. Allen discovered the armadillo, long known by hearsay only, which has proved to belong to a new race. He found besides several bats, either new species, or others of special interest. No attempt was made to do any marine collecting. Only few birds were wanted; and concerning these a short paper has been published (Barbour, Proc. Biol. soc. Wash., 1911, **24**, p. 57-60). Mr. Brues devoted himself particularly to the insects; and, as a result, some fine material was procured. Prof. W. M. Wheeler has already written upon the ants (Bull. M. C. Z., 1911, **54**, p. 167-172). Of more importance from a zoögeographical point of view was the finding, by both Allen and Brues, of specimens of a new species of *Peripatus* (Brues, Bull. M. C. Z., 1911, **54**, p. 303-318). No *Peripatus* had previously been known from Grenada; and its close affinity with species in Trinidad and Guiana, together with the distinctness due to its isolated island life, make it important evidence, first, that it was not brought to Grenada by human agency, or otherwise fortuitously; secondly, that Grenada has never been completely submerged since its first separation from South America on the one hand and Antillea on the other. The species is extremely rare, and its distribution is very closely confined to a small highland area of virgin forest in the middle of the island. It does not, so far as their careful collecting goes to prove, ever occur in the low, cultivated lands, or in the Botanic gardens.

Dr. Allen and Mr. Brues made important archaeological collections, so that the trip was a most successful one.

It has already been mentioned that during the cruises of the *BLAKE* Mr. Alexander Agassiz was accompanied by Mr. Samuel Garman. After their return to Cambridge, Garman published his well-known series of papers dealing with the reptiles and amphibians of the various islands. Considering the fact that the time on shore was always limited to the short stay while the ship was in port, the collections are a monument to Mr. Garman's prodigious industry. But more important than the gathering of the material was the advance in method he made in studying it. He was the first to recognize that the various species existing in the Antilles did not occur scattered in a perfectly reasonless way upon various islands; but rather that each island possessed a fauna with certain well-marked features, and usually as well with well-marked local species

or races related to, but differentiated by isolation from, the forms found on the neighboring islands. At first, certain of the so-called conservative zoölogists objected at the making of such a large number of new species. Time, however, has justified Garman's work to a large extent.

Since the original writing of this paper Mrs. Barbour and I again visited Cuba (January–March, 1910) for the purpose of filling as many gaps as possible in the collection by collecting at localities in the island from which there was previously no material in the Museum. Cuban material is peculiarly important in this connection because of the close relationship of many Bahaman and Haitian species with those on Cuba. There has been question as to the identity or distinctness of these, and there are also many interesting and important points regarding the relative abundance and local distribution of species within the island. I left for Havana January 30th, and went directly to Soledad estate, near Cienfuegos, where I received the kind hospitality of Mr. Edwin F. Atkins and his family; and much aid, especially from Mr. R. M. Grey, who is in charge of the Harvard Botanical Station, and Captain Beal, of COLONIA GUABAIRO who was more than kind to Mrs. Barbour and myself. From Soledad we returned to Havana, and were joined by Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Bremer. To Dr. Bremer I owe many thanks for his aid to my collecting. Together we visited Herradura, San Diego de los Baños, and the city and vicinity of Pinar del Rio, then later Madruga. We returned to Cambridge on March 15th. The notes on these specimens have been incorporated into the paper which was previously written. In connection with this Cuban trip, it is a great pleasure to thank my old friend, Dr. Aristides Mestre, Assistant Professor in the University of Havana, and Dr. Carlos de la Torre, Professor in the University of Havana, for much kind advice and other aid, as well as for some very valuable books and specimens.

A delay in the publication of the paper enables me to include the results of my stay in Cuba during January–March, 1913. Prof. W. M. Wheeler and Mr. Louis A. Shaw were with me for the first two weeks and during the entire excursion I had the very great advantage and pleasure of the company of Dr. de la Torre and of his assistant Mr. V. J. Rodriguez. Upon this trip we devoted some attention to birds and mammals with uniform good fortune since many of the rarest and most interesting species were secured. Our first trip from Havana was to Bolondron where we were hospitably entertained by Mr. Edwin F. Sanborn at the INGENIO ARMONIA, from here we reached the edge of the Cienaga de Zapata at Hato Jicarito. From Bolondron we went to Aguada de Pasajeros which we made

a base for several excursions into the neighborhood, spending several days at the edge of the great Cienaga in a house kindly placed at our use by Sr. Francisco Morales. Sr. Morales's cane fields at COLONIA SAN FRANCISCO are on the Rio Hanabana and the enormous saw-grass morasses may be conveniently reached by horse-back. Travel in the swamp is quite a different matter to reaching the edge, however, although it is remarkable to see through how deep mud the horses will carry one before they must be left. The uneven hard substratum upon which the mud, covered with floating vegetation, rests almost in a liquid state makes riding quite exciting and it is not uncommon for one's horse to flounder into a depression almost disappearing in the ooze to be gotten out with some difficulty.

Crocodilus rhombifer the true Cuban crocodile was abundant about the Laguna de Punta Gorda which was perhaps our most productive collecting ground.

By the courtesy of Sr. Freyre and Sr. don Miguel Diaz the railways and other means of transport on the great estates of MARIA VICTORIA and PERSEVERANCIA were at our disposal and our hearty thanks are due them for much courtesy and aid.

We returned to Havana from Aguada and Messrs. Wheeler and Shaw left for the North while Mr. Rodriguez and myself made a short excursion to Matanzas, Union de Reyes and Alacranes (Alfonso XII). Our object was to secure blind fishes and Crustacea from the caves of the southern part of Matanzas province and in this we were successful.

Returning again to Havana Professor de la Torre joined us and we started at once for Bayamo. From here we proceeded to Baire by rail and then by horse-back to the village of Los Negros where we stayed some time and to Pozo Prieto. Near the latter locality we spent several days at the cafetal *El Alto* of Sr. Pedro Diaz which was a fine locality in the heart of the humid forest region of the Sierra Maestra. Returning to Bayamo our party divided, Señor Rodriguez going to Bueycito and the region of the Pan de Azucar while Professor de la Torre and myself went to Manzanillo and by various stages south to Cabo Cruz. Here the successful search was made for *Cricosaura* and *Tarentola*. After this trip we went back to Manzanillo, to San Luis and then to Guanatanamo. Here we stayed with Mr. C. T. Ramsden whose study of Cuban birds is well known. A return to Bayamo and Havana with a few short days there together with Mrs. Barbour, who came down to meet me ended a most charming and profitable trip. Our collection was small but the common

species were already well represented and only such species as were especially desirable were searched for.

The revival of interest in zoögeography has prompted making this paper more than a simple check list, although such a list of the reptiles and amphibians of the Antilles has long been needed. The species which are included in this list are only those which seem to be worthy of recognition; all other recorded species are considered synonyms or incorrect records for the area. This comprises the Bahamas, Greater and Lesser Antilles as far south as Grenada; Swan Islands and the Cayman group are also included. As stated elsewhere among the notes on certain species, the practice has been followed of recognizing island races as far as possible. It is considered that a more incorrect concept is gained regarding the conditions among these islands by stating that the same species occurs upon several islands, when there is generally a constant definitive variation seen in individuals from each island, even though in some cases this variation appears to be slight. Jordan's law of evolution by isolation has often been startlingly effective in producing very distinct species upon nearly adjacent islands, where these islands have apparently — indeed, one might say certainly — exactly the same physical and climatic conditions.

No attempt is made to give complete synonymies; and unless some special comment is made, those species which have been considered synonyms by Boulenger in his catalogues are so accepted.

This paper must be considered in the nature of a preliminary, since unfortunately press of time and in many cases want of material have prevented the writing of a herpetology, with descriptions and keys for the identification of species. This list will show where reptile collecting in the West Indies can be carried on most profitably, what material from the region is available for study in the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy; and these records, which have been carefully culled, serve as a basis for certain considerations regarding the geographical distribution of Antillean reptiles and amphibians, and regarding the origin of this fauna.

NOTE.— After this paper was about completed, Mr. George Nelson of the Museum staff made three visits to the Swan Islands thanks to the kindness of Dr. W. A. Brooks. Together several months were spent there, and collections made in winter, spring, and summer. For the first time the islands have been studied by the same person at various times of the year. Mr. Nelson's material force the reconsideration of conclusions which maintain that the Swan Islands had an oceanic origin. Special mention may be made of the very strange fact

that Mr. Nelson's collections prove definitely that *Tiaporus fuliginosus* Cope, a teid genus supposedly peculiar to the islands does not occur there. The types were collected by Townsend in 1887 and there is documentary evidence in his correspondence with the U. S. national museum which leaves no doubt as to the fact that the type specimens were actually taken on Swan Island. If the species was confined to the larger island, it, being wholly terrestrial in habit, may have been exterminated by the introduced cats.

In 1911 Mr. Percy R. Lowe published a quite fascinating book, *A Naturalist on Desert Islands*, though why "desert islands" does not at once occur to one. Lowe spent three weeks about the Swan Islands on the yacht *ZENAIDA* landing frequently and making considerable collections. He is firmly convinced that they have never been in connection with any of the land masses which have in the past existed in the Caribbean region. The geologic evidence which he brings forward certainly supports his contention but, so far no borings have been possible to show the real underlying structure of the islands. The fauna is rich, equally so upon Little Swan, which has never been inhabited and cultivated, as upon the greater island, which has.

Remarking upon the indigenous species of hutia Lowe (p. 103) speaks of:—

"A strange race of vegetarian rats (*Capromys*), tree-dwellers or tree-climbers, and now almost extinct on other islands in the West Indies, but which found their way across the sea to Swan Island in the same fashion as the iguana, and there founded a specific race of their own."

Again on p. 112–114 we read:—

"This rat is of an extremely mild and almost genial disposition; has a head and body very much after the style of an enormous guinea-pig; and is covered with rather long and silky hairs protruding through a thick fur. Its specific name is *Capromys thoracatus* of True, and the species *thoracatus* is restricted to Swan Island. The genus *Capromys* to which it belongs is an interesting one; for it comprises arboreal forms which are only found in the larger West Indian Islands such as Cuba and Jamaica, where it is in imminent danger of becoming extinct. It is just possible, therefore, that Little Swan Island will, in the future, represent the last stronghold of this peculiar and old time race of rats, for here they are left absolutely unmolested; and no enemies, human or otherwise, seem likely to disturb them. Scientifically, these rats are allied to the coypu (*Myopotamus*) of South America; an animal attaining to the length of two feet, which lives in burrows near the water, and feeds on aquatic plants. How these rats came to find their way to Swan Island is a little point in the problem of the distribution of species which may be worth referring to; for as we have seen, there is every reason to suppose that Swan Island has never had any connection with the mainland, and is of infinitely later date, geologically speaking, than the islands comprising the Greater Antilles, being of quite recent coral origin. Indeed as far as its fauna is concerned, Swan Island might be looked upon as an oceanic or pseudo-oceanic island.¹ If, as seems most likely, this Swan Island race

¹ There are no snakes on Swan Island.

of rats was derived from the race which inhabits Jamaica (*C. melanurus*) the original progenitors of the Swan Island species must have drifted over a sea space of at least three hundred and twenty miles; for Swan Island lies exactly that distance in an almost due westerly direction from the nearest point of Jamaica, along the course of the Gulf Stream. The genus is not found on the mainland of Honduras, ninety-eight miles to the south, which puts this comparatively short sea-route out of court.

For the sake of those who may not have given such a subject a thought, we might add that a journey of this nature across an open sea could only have been rendered possible by the rats having been carried out to sea by means of a floating island of vegetation, or a mass of entangled tree-trunks such as one often sees in mangrove swamps."

This entire account is so inaccurate that one's confidence in the author's interpretations and observations in geology are sadly shaken. This creature which is in no wise related to the rats except that it is a rodent, is not like *C. melanurus* which also, is not found on Jamaica. *C. browni* is the Jamaican form, a wholly distinct species now rare owing to mongoose ravages. *C. melanurus* is a long-tailed species from the high mountains of eastern Cuba. In Cuba two other species, *C. pilorides* and *C. prehensilis*, are abundant, the former extremely so. The genus is not, except for the Swan Island species, confined to the Greater Antilles, but a species, *C. ingrahami*, is found in the grass of one of the small low-lying Plana Keys of the southern Bahamas. It is mathematically improbable that an island of vegetation set afloat from a country like Jamaica where there are no rivers capable of performing this relatively rare phenomenon would be inhabited at the same time by a hutia. The island would also have to steer very carefully to meet Swan Island which is very small, and even granting that there was a current to carry it along or a suitable wind which would drive it two and one half miles an hour, without submerging it, one hundred and twenty-one hours approximately would be necessary for the voyage. Unless more than one hutia was carried on the island, this voyage would have to be performed by a second hutia which would have to reach the island before the death of the first. It is of course, improbable that these events have ever happened. The habits of the Jamaican Capromys are not such as to render it likely that it would ever have attempted so precarious a sea trip and there are no physical conditions in Jamaica which would have forced it to do so. Contrary to Lowe's assertion there are snakes upon the Islands, one of which represents an autochthonous race. Of course the absence of fresh water and other adverse physical features strictly limit the variety of living forms which the islands can support. Pulmonate gastropods¹ occur and a variety of insects — so that the fauna is not surprisingly poor but

¹ For a notice of the affinities of the extremely interesting species of land shells peculiar to Swan Island, see Clapp, Nautilus, Jan. 1914, 27, No. 9, p. 97-101.

rather the reverse. It will be surprising indeed if there is not geological evidence, however difficult it may be to find, which will prove that the Swan Islands are the remnants of an ancient land mass which once reached to Jamaica and perhaps, or even probably, also that commissure which once reached from the mainland to the east end of Cuba, *via* the Cayman Islands when the east end of Cuba was an island separate from the rest of what is now Cuba. Oceanic deeps are certainly not all of ancient origin; and there are many restricted areas of Cuba, Jamaica, or Florida which if, by some oscillatory or submerging process, they were left above the sea level and their surrounding areas had vanished would be as difficult as Swan Island is to prove their earlier connection with other land, near at hand or far away.

LIST OF SPECIES INCORRECTLY RECORDED FROM THE WEST INDIES.

The following species which do not properly belong to the Antillean fauna are recorded by Reinhardt and Lütken in their *Bidrag til det vestindiske øriges og navnlig til de Dansk-Vestindiske øers herpetology* (Vid. Meddel. nat. foren. Kjöbenhavn for 1862, 1863, p. 150–291). These authorities have most carefully and exhaustively revised and tabulated all the records for this area, and it is therefore unnecessary to more than point out those that are evidently based upon wrongly labeled specimens, and then refer to Reinhardt and Lütken, who themselves were skeptical regarding very many of their records.

<i>Name used by Reinhardt & Lütken.</i>	<i>Name in present use.</i>
Bufo ornatus Spix.	Bufo crucifer Wied.
Cystignathus ocellatus (Linné).	Leptodactylus ocellatus (Linné).
Cystignathus typhonius Daudin.	Leptodactylus typhonius (Daudin).
Leiupurus marmoratus Duméril & Bibron	Paludicola marmoratus (Duméril & Bibron).
Hylaplesia picta Duméril & Bibron.	Dendrobates trivittatus (Spix).
Bothrops bilineatus (Wied) var. unicolor Jan.	Lachesis bilineatus (Wied).
Crotalus horridus (Schlegel).	Crotalus horridus Linné.
Elaps corallinus (Linné).	Elaps corallinus (Linné).
Elaps fulvius (Linné).	Elaps fulvius (Linné).
Elaps lemniscatus (Linné).	Elaps lemniscatus (Linné).
Geophis punctovittatus Jan.,	Atractus trilineatus (Wagler).
Homalocranium melanocephalum (Linné).	Homalocranium melanocephalum (Linné).
Homalocranium semicinctum Duméril & Bibron.	Homalocranium semicinctum Duméril & Bibron.
Elapoides sieboldi Jan.	Geophis chalybaeus (Wagler).
Streptophorus atratus Hallowell.	Streptophorus atratus Hallowell.
Erythrolamprus aesculapii (Linné).	Erythrolamprus aesculapii (Linné).
Heterodon platyrhinus (Latreille).	Heterodon platyrhinus (Latreille).
Ischnognathus dekayi (Holbrook).	Storeria dekayi (Holbrook).
Gerarda bicolor Gray.	Gerarda prevostiana (Eidoux & Gervais).
Hipistes fasciatus Gray.	Hipistes hydrinus (Cantor).
Helicops angulatus (Linné).	Helicops angulatus (Linné).
Spilotes corais (Cuvier).	Spilotes corais (Cuvier).
Spilotes pullatus (Linné).	Spilotes pullatus (Linné).
Coryphodon constrictor (Linné).	Zamenis constrictor (Linné).
Liophis reginae (Linné).	Liophis reginae (Linné).
Lygophis lineatus (Linné).	Aporophis lineatus (Linné).
Cyclophis aestivus (Linné).	Cyclophis aestivus (Linné).
Philodryas viridissimus (Linné).	Philodryas olfersii (Lichtenstein).
Ahaetulla liocercus (Boie).	Leptophis liocercus (Wied).
Dryiophis acuminatus (Wied).	Oxybelis acuminatus (Wied).

<i>Name used by Reinhardt & Lütken.</i>	<i>Name in present use.</i>
Dryophis fronticinctus (Günther).	Dryophis fronticinctus Günther.
Leptodeira annulata (Linné).	Leptodeira annulata (Linné).
Himantodes cenchoa (Linné).	Himantodes cenchoa (Linné).
Ophisaurus ventralis (Linné).	Ophisaurus ventralis (Linné).
Plestiodon laticeps (Schneider).	Eumeces quinquelineatus (Linné).
Gymnophthalmus quadrilineatus (Linné).	Gymnophthalmus quadrilineatus (Linné).
Cnemidophorus murinus (Laurenti).	Cnemidophorus murinus (Laurenti).
Cnemidophorus lemniscatus (Daudin).	Cnemidophorus lemniscatus (Daudin).
Cnemidophorus sexlineatus (Linné).	Cnemidophorus sexlineatus (Linné).
Salvator teguixin (Linné).	Teius teguixin (Linné).
Basiliscus americanus Laurenti.	Basiliscus americanus Laurenti.
Polychrus marmoratus (Linné).	Polychrus marmoratus (Linné).
Tropidolepis undulatus (Latreille).	Sceloporus undulatus (Latreille).
Hypsibatus agamoides (Gray).	Plica plica (Linné).
Alligator cynocephalus Duméril & Bibron	Cayman latirostris (Daudin).
Alligator punctulatus Spix.	Cayman sclerops (Schneider).
Podocnemis dumeriliana (Schweigger).	Podocnemis dumeriliana (Schweigger).
Malacoclemys palustris (Gr.)	Malaclemys centrata (Latreille).
Emys scabra (Linné).	Chrysemys scripta (Schoepff).
Emys concinna (Linné).	Chrysemys concinna (Leconte).
Cistudo carolina (Linné).	Terrapene carolina (Linné).

Subsequent to 1862 but few incorrect records of West Indian species have been published. The following notes on four species show how all of these came to be credited to Grenada.

***Anolis chrysolepis* DUMÉRIL & BIBRON.**

DUMÉRIL ET BIBRON, *Erpét. gén.*, 1837, 4, p. 94. BOULENGER, *Cat. lizards Brit. mus.*, 1885, 2, p. 89.

This species has been recorded from Grenada on the following grounds:—

Anolis nummifer and *A. turmalis*, described by O'Shaughnessy (*Ann. mag. nat. hist.*, 1875, ser. 4, 15, p. 278), do not appear from the description to be the same. Boulenger has included both in the synonymy of *A. chrysolepis*. This question is, however, beside the issue, since no individuals which agree with the description of any of the species come from Grenada, whence, however, the types of *A. turmalis* were said to have been collected. It seems very probable that a considerable collection from some South American mainland station was sent to the British museum labeled Grenada. The specimen of *Plica plica* (Linné) which Boulenger records from the same locality, is an exactly parallel case, and this specimen as well as one of *Norops auratus* probably came to the British museum at the same time.

This was written before the receipt of a letter dated November 6, 1911,

in which Dr. Boulenger tells me that my surmise was correct; and that a collection from New Grenada (Colombia) got credited to the island of Grenada. This affects also the record for the following species.

Plica plica (LINNÉ).

LINNÉ, Syst. nat., ed. 10. 1758, **1**, p. 367. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **2**, p. 180.

From New Grenada, not island of Grenada.

Norops auratus (DAUDIN).

DAUDIN, Hist. nat. rept., 1802, **4**, p. 89. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **2**, p. 95.

A record having the same history as the preceding.

Gonatodes vittatus (LICHTENSTEIN).

LICHTENSTEIN, Nomencl. reptil., 1856, p. 6. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **1**, p. 60.

The same history as the preceding. The record of this species from Dominica, needs verification, and is worthy of special mention in connection with the foregoing from Grenada.

Tropidodactylus onca (O'SHAUGHNESSY).

O'SHAUGHNESSY, Ann. mag. nat. hist., 1875, ser. 4, **15**, p. 280. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **2**, p. 97.

The types of this species came from "Venezuela and Dominica." In answer to my query regarding the probable accuracy of the data for these lizards, Dr. Boulenger writes, "The Tropid. onca was purchased of a dealer (Mr. Cutter). The locality Dominica is therefore open to doubt." The species, thus, is obviously Venezuelan only.

Casual mention may also be made of two records which Reinhardt and Lütken evidently overlooked, namely *Testudo polyphemus* and *Cayman sclerops*, which Gray recorded from Cuba (Ann. mag. nat. hist., 1840, **5**, p. 115).

Anolis lineatus DAUDIN.

DAUDIN, Hist. nat. rept., 1802, **4**, p. 66, pl. 48, fig. 1. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **2**, p. 38.

At various times this species has been reported from the Antilles. Duméril and Bibron (Erpét. gén., 1837, **4**, p. 146) recorded it from Martinique. It is really confined to a region farther south. Meek (Field mus. publ. Zool., ser. 1910, **7**, p. 416) records specimens from Aruba and Curacao.

The case of this species is quite different from the others. Still it seems wisest to consider it here instead of in the list of certainly authenticated species.

***Gymnophthalmus luetkenii* BOCOURT.**

BOCOURT, Miss. sci. Mex. Reptil., 1881, p. 474. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 429.

The type of the species was said to have been collected on St. Lucia by Bonnacourt, who sent a single specimen to the Paris museum. The specimens of this genus from St. Lucia reported by Garman and Boulenger all belong to *G. pleii*, so that it is probable that the locality of this type is incorrect. Nevertheless, the evident close relationship between the two species suggests that *G. luetkenii* will eventually be found on some other of the Lesser Antilles, unless indeed it exists in St. Lucia alongside of its congener. In this case, it must be very rare to have escaped capture by so excellent a collector as Garman.

In 1860 Cope described *Scolecophis fumiceps* (Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1860, p. 371) stating that the type was in the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy and that it probably came from Cuba. It probably did not come from Cuba, and I cannot find that the specimen which Cope borrowed was returned. Boulenger considers Cope's new species a synonym of *Homolocranium planiceps*, (cf. Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1896, 3, p. 226).

***Ameiva bifrontata* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 67.

This species was described from St. Thomas. It is confined to the mainland of South America.¹ The type locality was the result of an error in labeling.

INTRODUCED SPECIES. (FORTUITOUSLY OR OTHERWISE).

***Bufo marinus* (LINNÉ).**

LINNÉ, Syst. nat., ed. 10, 1758, p. 211. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 315.

A South American species which has been carried purposely to almost all the Antilles. We have it from Grenada, Barbados, St. Lucia, St. Kitts, Martinique, Nevis, Montserrat, and Jamaica, as well as from the Bermudas.

¹ The status of this species has just been fixed by Ruthven (Occas. papers, Univ. Mich. mus., Dec. 27, 1913, no. 2, p. 1-3).

Hyla rubra DAUDIN.

DAUDIN, Hist. nat. rain., 1803, p. 26, pl. 9. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 403.

This mainland species has been recorded from St. Lucia by Boulenger (Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1891, p. 354). It is probable that its introduction may have been accidental. Hylas are frequently carried about in shipments of living plants, and this case may easily be parallel to the finding of *Hyla infrafrenata*, a Papuan species, in the Botanical gardens at Buitenzorg, Java.

Hyla squirilla BOSC.

DAUDIN, Hist. nat. rain., 1803, p. 18, pl. 3, fig. 2. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 398.

The specimens from Stranger's Cay upon which the Bahaman record for this species rests have been reëxamined; and while they are not especially well preserved, there can be no doubt that they belong to this species. They do not show the markings so characteristic of the closely related *H. femoralis*, and the absence of web between the fingers precludes their inclusion in *H. carolinensis*. There can be no doubt regarding their artificial introduction, as was suggested when first the specimens were recorded (Barbour, Bull. M. C. Z., 1904, 46, p. 56).

Constrictor constrictor LINNÉ.

LINNÉ, Syst. nat., ed. 10, 1758, 1, p. 215. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, 1, p. 117.

This mainland species occasionally reaches the southern Lesser Antilles, carried over on masses of flotsam and jetsam from the mouths of the large rivers of the mainland. Wallace (Island life, New York, 1881, p. 71) has said that "A large boa-constrictor was once floated to the island of St. Vincent twisted round the trunk of a cedar-tree, and was so little injured by its voyage that it captured some sheep before it was killed. The island is nearly two hundred miles from Trinidad and the coast of South America, whence it almost certainly came."

Such individuals have undoubtedly come to the islands once in a while since time immemorial, and yet never anywhere in the area has the species become established. Nor has any other species been proved to have been introduced and established by similar means.

For the use of the generic name Constrictor instead of Boa, consult Stejneger, Proc. U. S. nat. mus., 1902, 24, p. 185.

Hemidactylus mabouia (MOREAU DE JONNES).

MOREAU DE JONNES, Bull. Soc. philom. Paris, 1818, p. 138. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 1, p. 122. STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 599, fig. 40-45. ◀

This gekko is quite in a class by itself with regard to its ease of establishment after accidental distribution. It has been found upon many of the West Indian Islands:—Cuba, Jamaica, Haiti, San Domingo, Porto Rico, St. Thomas, St. Croix, Just van Dyke, Tortola, Dominica, Sta. Lucia, St. Vincent, Barbados, Martinique, Petite Martinique, Mustique, Becquia, and Grenada. It is a widespread species carried from place to place in cargoes of wood and fruit. It is common on the Brazilian coast and elsewhere in South America, along the shores of East and West Africa, and Madagascar.

I procured a specimen on the wall inside a fisherman's house at the foot of Morro Castle, Havana, March 10, 1912. It was lying beside an oil light waiting for insect prey just as its relatives may so often be seen in the East Indies. I was told by the people that they never appear about electric lights as the glare is too strong.

Vague rumors are current upon all the West Indies concerning the occasional appearance of crocodiles upon their shores. From the following account it will be seen that this may happen, and perhaps does quite frequently. It is a very noteworthy fact that there has never been an establishment of any species in the Antillean region proper, except, of course, upon Cuba, Jamaica, and Haiti, where they were once very abundant and may still be found.

Crocodilus intermedius GRAVES.

GRAVES, Ann. gén. sci. phys., 1819, 2, p. 344. BOULENGER, Cat. chelonians, etc., Brit. mus., 1889, p. 280.

What appears to be the only existing record for the capture of a crocodile in Grenada was secured by Dr. Allen during his visit. He reports that one came ashore on the east side of Grenada opposite St. George's, about 6 September, 1910, where it was seen on the beach by a negro. Later it was observed swimming between the beach and a nearby point of land, and a few days after was found dead on the beach. Its death occurred, unfortunately, while Dr. Allen was at work in another locality; and before he could secure the specimen, the teeth had been broken out by natives, and as the body putrefied on the shore, it was ordered buried by the local authorities. In its mutilated condition, however, it was photographed by a local photographer, Mr. Smith, who very kindly gave Dr. Allen a print. This shows at once the elongate, slender snout, almost

gavial-like, which distinguishes *Crocodylus intermedius* from any other species on this continent. Boulenger (*loc. cit.*) says of this species that the largest known specimen measures nearly four metres. Mr. Smith, who measured the Grenada example, reported it as being 14 feet in length. It evidently came from the Orinoco, whence only this species could have come; and was probably carried by the strong westerly drift to the island. The most interesting and important observation to be drawn from this fortuitous occurrence is the fact that so strong and resistant a creature, aquatic at that, should not have been able to survive what would appear to have been a rather easy journey. No storm of special violence was noted, and crocodiles do not need to feed very frequently; yet this individual lived but a short time. This is one of the best actual observations bearing on dispersal by "flotsam and jetsam" that has been recorded by competent witnesses.

Col. Fielden, in the *Zoologist* (1888, p. 236; 1889, p. 298) records "the interesting fact of an alligator being transported alive on the trunk of a tree from the continent of South America to Barbados in 1886." There is no suggestion as to what species may have been represented.

Testudo denticulata LINNÉ.

Garman remarks that this tortoise "feeds readily in captivity, and is kept about the houses and carried from place to place much as the more common domestic animals." There are examples in the Museum from St. Lucia, St. Vincent, and a very large mounted example said to be from Porto Rico. It has also been reported from Cuba, upon several occasions. It is, of course, confined to South America in a wild state.

The three following Cuban records cannot be eliminated from the list with the same certainty that the foregoing West Indian records can.

Phyllobates bicolor BIBRON.

BIBRON, Sagra's Hist. Cuba. Rept., 1840, pl. 29, bis. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 195.

Gundlach, during his long residence in Cuba, never found this species. No specimen is to be seen in any of the local museums of Havana. Dr. Carlos de la Torre, a most enthusiastic and indefatigable collector and accurate observer, told me that he had never in his life-long collecting in Cuba been able to find an example. Since among the other collections sent to France by Ramon de la Sagra there were many examples which are now known never to have come from

Cuba, it is almost certain that this record is based on a specimen from some other locality, probably Mexico. A number of the molluscs which d'Orbigny described from Cuba in the same work have been shown to have been Mexican and not Cuban.

***Natrix anoscopa* (COPE).**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1861, p. 299; Proc. U. S. nat. mus., 1892, **14**, p. 673. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, **1**, p. 242.

A Cuban species, the only Antillean representative of its genus. Cope compares it with *N. cyclopion* and *N. rhombifera*. Dr. Stejneger is inclined to believe that Cope had an African species. It is probably some species which by mistake got marked with an incorrect locality label. The evidence that Gundlach ever really found a species of *Natrix* in Cuba is very far from convincing. There is no *Natrix* of any species in the Museo Gundlach of the Instituto de Segunda Enseñanza in Havana.

***Kinosternon baurii* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1892, **23**, p. 141. SIEBENROCK, Zool. jahrb. Suppl. 1909, **10**, p. 442.

One of the types (M. C. Z., No. 4,050) of this species is said to have come from Cuba. It was mentioned at an earlier date by Garman; and was said to have been sent to the Museum, with much other Cuban material, by Filipe Poey (Proc. Amer. philos. soc., 1887, **24**, p. 286). This is the only member of the family Cinosternidae which has ever been suggested to occur in the West Indies. On a visit to Washington, April, 1912, I saw in the United States national museum a specimen of *Gerrhonotus*! which was also said to have been sent from Cuba by Filipe Poey. Of course both these specimens may be victims of misplaced labels.

ZOÖGEOGRAPHY.

Instead of discussing the geographical distribution of the genera or species, it is more convenient to take up the fauna of each island or group of islands having a homogeneous biota; and then in a general survey, to draw some general conclusions regarding the main features of origin and dispersal of the fauna.

CUBA.

This island first claims attention because of many peculiar characteristics. It shows a far more intimate relationship with both North America and Central

America than do any of the other islands. A few years ago it would have been considered unreasonable to assert that Cuba had been long and intimately related to Central America, and had certainly been for a shorter time connected with Florida or with the island which has since formed the region where Florida is now. Only in 1902 did Vaughan (Science, January 24, 1902, **15**, p. 148-149) question the occurrence of remains of the fossil sloth *Megalocnus* in Cuba, even after the Cuban zoölogist, Dr. de la Torre had published his *Observaciones geológicas y paleontológicas en la region central de la Isla [de Cuba]*. In this paper the author recorded the finding of specimens at Cardenas, Sagua, and Santo Domingo, in addition to the type, which came from the now classic locality, Baños del Ciego Montero. Vaughan added, "I am not able to express an opinion as to the correctness of these localities or in Torre's ability to determine fossil vertebrates. I am inclined to doubt because there has been so much error regarding those fossils concerning which we have subsequently been able to procure definite data." As is now known, Dr. de la Torre has not only discovered well preserved remains of many individuals of *Megalocnus*; but he has uncovered besides the remains of a great fauna of rodents, edentates, and other mammals, as well as of tortoises and crocodiles. I have had the privilege of examining his collection in Havana; and de la Torre's final accounts of his discoveries will be awaited with the greatest interest. Suffice it to say that, stimulated by Vaughan's remarks, he has vindicated his previous statements with splendid success.

These finds, of course, prove Cuba's intimate relationship with the mainland; had they never been made, however, the proof offered by the existing genera of reptiles is equally convincing. In Florida *Liodytes alleni* has a nearest ally and possible progenitor in the Cuban species of *Tretanorhinus*. This genus occurs upon no other of the West Indies. In Florida, *Rhineura*, the only representative of the *Amphisbaenidae* in the United States, has possibly been derived from the ancestors of one of the two Cuban species of *Amphisbaena*. Although the genus *Rhineura* itself is an ancient one being known from the Miocene of South Dakota (*R. hatcheri* Baur). The occurrence in Cuba of *Phyllobates*, which is found upon no other island is very noteworthy. *Tarantola cubana* Gundlach & Peters represents a genus occurring in the Mediterranean region of the Old World, and affords an interesting parallel to the occurrence of *Spelerpes* and *Hyla pulchrilineata* Cope in Haiti. As yet, no urodele has been discovered in Cuba; and the allies of the *Hyla* mentioned are found in Mexico, the southeastern United States, and in the Old World, conspicuous among them being *Hyla andersonii* Baird, *Hyla eximia* Baird, and *Hyla arborea* Linné.

The genus *Chamaeleolis*, with its single species, is autoethonous in Cuba, and the reason for its origin is not clear. Its nearest ally certainly seems to be *Anolis equestris* (Merrem) but it can hardly be derived from this species. The only West Indian species of *Norops*, found commonly on the island, again emphasizes the intimacy of its Central American relationship. Still more does the occurrence of *Cricosaura typica* Gundlach & Peters. This rare creature, so far as known, is entirely confined to the small region about Cabo Cruz, and this closely circumscribed region has conditions very similar to those obtaining where the genus *Xanthusia* occurs. A *Natrix* has been recorded from this island alone of all the region; but the correctness of the locality of the typical specimen is open to grave doubt, and it is possible — perhaps even certain — that it does not occur. *Tretanorhinus* has already been considered. *Arrhyton* is a curious autoethonous genus of which so few specimens are known that it is impossible to state whether the individuals that have served for the types of the three species recognized in Boulenger's Catalogue are really anything more than the widely varying individuals of a single species. The genus has probably been derived from some form similar to *Contia*, or some of its allies, from Central America. *Urotheca dumerilii* Bibron is supposed to come from Cuba; but no specimens have been taken there, so far as I can learn, since the discovery of the species; and it is probable that this species is Central American, as are all the others of the genus. The Cuban specimen in this Museum was sent by the Paris museum, and probably represents one of the original series. *Crocodilus rhombifer* Cuvier has its ally in Central America, where the species *Crocodilus moreletii* A. Duméril is so closely similar as to be almost indistinguishable. All the other Cuban species of reptiles and amphibians belong to genera which are found on other islands as well, though their distribution through the group varies. *Hyla* occurs in the Bahamas, in Cuba, Haiti, and Jamaica, and the Caymans; of *Bufo*, there are four species in Cuba, one in Haiti, and one in Porto Rico. Of these, *Bufo empusus* (Cope) represents the type which has extended most widely, being represented in Haiti by *Bufo guttersosus* Latreille, and in Porto Rico by *Bufo lemur* Cope. The Cuban species *Bufo longinasus* Stejneger, known from the type alone, is a form whose relationship cannot be made out from the material so far collected. Its only ally is *Bufo ramsdeni* described later in this paper. *Bufo peltacephalus* Tschudi is obviously of Central American origin.

Five species of *Eleutherodactylus* known for some time embrace three peculiar to the island, and two occurring elsewhere, — one, *E. recordii* Duméril & Bibron, occurring also in the Bahamas, and *E. auriculatus* (Cope) in Haiti and

Porto Rico. A sixth species now described occurs apparently about Guantamano only.

The distribution of the species of *Gonatodes*, *Sphaerodactylus*, *Anolis*, *Liocephalus*, *Celestus*, *Ameiva*, *Amphisbaena*, *Typhlops*, *Epierates*, *Tropidophis*, *Alsophis*, and *Leimadophis* may all be found by referring to the tables of distribution. The distribution of each of these genera includes Cuba, being represented there by peculiar island species, as is the prevalent mode of occurrence for these genera throughout that portion of the West Indies in which each occurs.

In conclusion, then, we may say that Cuba has sixty-three species of reptiles and amphibians, of which fifty are peculiar to the island. The proportion is probably larger than this, since a number of the records of Cuban species in Haiti will probably be found to represent distinct island races when comparisons of freshly collected and well-preserved material are possible.

JAMAICA.

No new species have been added to the fauna of Jamaica since I published my Notes on the herpetology of Jamaica (Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, 52, p. 273-302, pl. 1-2). Thirty-three species are recorded from the island; and of these, twenty-six are peculiar. It is not necessary to go further into a special discussion of the Jamaican fauna, since I have nothing to add to the remarks in the paper referred to.

HAITI AND SAN DOMINGO.

For the purpose of convenience these islands have been mentioned as Haiti throughout the paper; and, as the fauna in the two republics seems to be rather homogeneous, there is no special reason for not using this old Indian word, which was originally the name for the entire island.

From Haiti alone, of all the Antilles, has been reported a tailed amphibian,—*Spelerpes infuscatus* Peters,—and this fact, coupled with the occurrence of *Hyla pulchrrilineata* Cope, is significant of a relationship with the Mediterranean region, such as has already been suggested by Scharff. Besides the occurrence of these two anomalies, the fauna of Haiti is interesting as bearing out the belief that Cuba and Jamaica have never been joined together, and any similarity of fauna that the two islands show may be explained by the fact that each of them has at different times been connected with both Haiti and Central America. Thus the genera *Bufo*, *Gonatodes*, *Liocephalus*, and *Amphisbaena* are all found in Cuba and

most of them in Porto Rico, while not a single one occurs in Jamaica. On the other hand, *Aristelliger* and *Mabuya* are found in Jamaica and Haiti, and the latter in Porto Rico, and neither in Cuba. These remarks refer to entire genera.

The distribution of certain species may be traced out in the same way. Thus Cuba has but one species of *Celestus*, while Jamaica has three and Haiti four, these four being the representatives of both the Cuban and Jamaican species. Broadly speaking, then, the Haitian species which have obviously been derived from the Central American mainland have come by two routes, the one the Cuba bridge, which undoubtedly endured for a considerable length of time, and which existed after and perhaps even came into existence after the disappearance of the connection between Jamaica and Haiti, since a number of Cuban genera and groups of species are found in Haiti and Cuba, but not in Jamaica; while a very small number of species derived from Haiti have representatives that passed to Cuba. *Alsophis* and *Leimadophis* occur on all three islands, but all the genera previously mentioned are confined to either pair of islands, always including Haiti, and not upon the third. The fauna is a large one, and embraces at least fifty-five species, for this number takes no account of any of the possible records for several species which are not absolutely authenticated. Forty-seven species certainly, and possibly others, are peculiar to the island. It will be seen from this, that, although a number of the continental genera occurring upon Cuba are not represented in Haiti, the total number of species found on the island is almost as great as that found upon Cuba, the difference being made up by those which have been derived through direct connection with Jamaica.

PORTO RICO.

Omitting special mention of Mona Island, which is not of great importance in the present connection, we may pass directly to a brief study regarding the fauna of Porto Rico. This has been very fully discussed by Stejneger in his *Herpetology of Porto Rico* (Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p., 549-724).

Stejneger says (p. 562):—

“The herpetological fauna of Porto Rico falls into two groups, namely, the species which have in all probability originally extended their range from northeastern South America and those whose ancestors came from the west, primarily from the present mainland of Central America, and secondarily from the other Great Antilles.”

The fauna of Porto Rico is less in number than that of either Cuba or Haiti; and is almost exactly comparable to that of Jamaica, there being twenty-six

recorded species, of which two are of accidental occurrence, while fourteen are exclusively found upon Porto Rico; though a number of others, as Stejneger has shown, have but a circumscribed range, occurring on Porto Rico, and either Vieques, Culebra, or Mona Islands. Unlike either Haiti, Cuba; or Jamaica, Porto Rico has no genus of either reptiles or amphibians that is peculiar to it. This fact would seem to lend weight to the theory which has already gained some supporters, that the actual land area of an island has a certain more or less definite relationship to the species population of that island; and the larger the island is, the greater the number of genera and species that will be found on it. Cuba, the largest of the Antilles, and Haiti, the next largest, are in this way sharply set off from both Porto Rico and Jamaica, which are far smaller than either of the other islands, and more or less similar in size to each other. It is interesting to note that the same condition of affairs obtains in the East Indies, where Borneo, the largest island, has a greater number of species than Sumatra, which is geographically much more closely related to the mainland, and which might be supposed to have received probably a larger number of mainland types than any of the other islands.

THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.

Owing to the great depth of water found between this group and the rest of the Lesser Antilles, it might be supposed that a faunal boundary would be found to exist here comparable to that which was formerly supposed to exist in the East Indies between the islands of Bali and Lombok. This, however, is not exactly the case. Of the Central American genera which do not reach the Lesser Antilles, *Hyla* does not get to Porto Rico; *Bufo* reaches Porto Rico, but no further; *Liocephalus* extends to Haiti only; *Celestus* to Porto Rico. *Amphisbaena*, however, is found upon St. John, St. Thomas, and St. Croix; so that, while none of these genera extend so far as the Lesser Antilles, these islands form the limit of occurrence for only one of them; whereas the many characteristic Antillean genera of both reptiles and amphibians such as *Eleutherodactylus*, *Sphaerodactylus*, *Anolis*, *Ameiva*, *Mabuya*, *Typhlops*, *Alsophis*, and *Leimadophis* occur throughout the entire chain, without any reference whatever to a faunal boundary line between these islands. The group consists entirely of land masses of insignificant area, and with a correspondingly small number of species upon each island.

THE LESSER ANTILLES.

Although, generally speaking, the Lesser Antillean fauna may be said to be a very homogeneous one, certain anomalies of distribution appear which in some cases are extremely difficult to explain. At the present time the *Fer-de-lance*, *Lachesis*, occurs only upon Martinique and St. Lucia; but early voyagers wrote that the island of Petit Martinique received its name in their time on account of the abundance of the *Fer-de-lance* there. It probably at some time had a continuous distribution throughout the chain; but for some reason survived only on the two islands named. Other peculiarities are shown in the occurrence of *Gymnophthalmus* on Martinique and St. Lucia; *Constrictor orophias* (Linné) on Dominica and St. Lucia, and possibly on St. Kitts. The peculiar distribution of *Clelia*, *Pseudoboa*, *Drymobius*, and *Herpetodryas* may be seen by referring to the table of distribution. Whether in some cases accidental introduction has been accountable for these distributions, or whether they have formerly been of wider occurrence and have died out on other islands, is a matter upon which it is hardly worth while to speculate since we will never know. Special mention, however, should be made of the fauna of Grenada, which is far more like that of Trinidad and South America than that of any of the other Lesser Antilles. Grenada is nearer Trinidad in point of distance than any of the other Lesser Antilles, except of course Tobago, which is not Antillean at all, but purely Trinidadian. This similarity in Grenada is not confined to those organisms which, by their capacity to stand immersion in salt water, or for some other reason, may be assumed to have come to the island fortuitously. It is a fundamental feature which is most evident in those types that we know are never carried from place to place by chance; and there can be but little doubt that Grenada has been connected with the mainland of northeastern South America more recently than have the other islands.

GRENADA.

It is important in this connection to turn to the physical character of the Antilles. This has been well described in the following terms by Suess (*Face of the earth*, 1894, 1, p. 544-545):—

“The Antilles may be divided into several zones.

“The *first, innermost zone*, which lies within the concavity of the arc, only appears in the eastern part, in the Lesser Antilles. It is wholly of *recent volcanic origin*. This zone is formed by the islands of Saba, St. Eustatius, St. Christopher (St. Kitts), Nevis, Redonda,

Montserrat, the western half of the deeply incised Guadeloupe, Dominica, Martinique, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, the Grenadines, and Grenada. These islands form a continuous circular arc, and some of them include three to four eruptive centres — Martinique, according to Jonnès, even six.

“The *next zone* comprises the great and rich *mountainous islands* of the Greater Antilles and the narrow but well-characterized border of the Lesser Antilles. The mountains are formed in complete accordance with the type of the Coast Cordilleras of the south and of the mountains of Venezuela. The oldest organic remains belong to the lower Cretaceous, and these are only represented by a few traces; on the other hand, purer and highly fossiliferous limestone deposits of the Turonian are present in this region, as in Trinidad and in north Venezuela. The Cretaceous system is followed here, as in Trinidad, by a largely developed series of Tertiary deposits, some members of which present an astonishing resemblance to their representatives in Europe. These deposits form the connecting link with the third zone.

To this second group belong Cuba and Pinos Island, Haiti, Porto Rico, the Virginian Islands with St. Croix, Anguilla, St. Bartholomew, Antigua, the eastern half of Guadeloupe and a part of Barbados, and further the southern arc which runs through Jamaica. That part which lies in the Lesser Antilles forms a girdle running outside the volcanos.

The third and outermost zone comprises only *middle Tertiary* or even *more recent deposits*. It nowhere rises in mountain ranges which can be properly so called, and is, indeed, as a rule, quite flat, broader towards the north-west, narrowing away to the south-east. It includes the Bahamas, all the banks of trifling height which succeed as far as Natividad, then Anegada, Sombrero, Barbuda, and a part of Barbados. I should, however, be inclined to include in this zone the whole peninsula of Florida, and perhaps even the level part of Yucatan.

“This regular arrangement of the islands was already clearly recognized in its main features by Leopold von Buch. ‘All the volcanic islands of the Antilles,’ wrote the great geologist more than sixty years ago, ‘follow one after the other in a continuous chain, uninterrupted by any islands which are not volcanic. On the other hand, there appears to the east of these islands, lying outside them next the great ocean, another series of islands, somewhat less clearly marked, which exhibits only a few traces of volcanic phenomena, and contains no active volcanoes. This is an extremely remarkable fact!’ ”

From the above it will be seen that Grenada belongs to the first zone of islands, and is the most southern member of that chain. While Suess characterizes them as “wholly of recent volcanic origin,” he can not mean that these islands arose from the sea, each independently, but rather that they represent in some cases each as many as four or six eruptive centres which have broken out along the mountain chain which made up the entire Greater and Lesser Antillean region.

The tilting into the Caribbean sea of Antillea, and the consequent slipping of the great, thick beds of which it was composed, may explain why each of the three concentric arcs of islands has a homogeneous structure while it is still intimately related to the conformation and structure of the other two groups.

The composition of these arcs was briefly described above. In the inner group volcanos have arisen along the great joint plane, and have flowed out so as to overlies much of the older rocks, which nevertheless exist as the following quo-

tation from Watts makes clear. Thus, their real core has been, in some cases, almost completely masked. The middle group is the dominant one, and has become thrust up in many cases to form mountain chains of considerable height, and to make all of the largest islands; while the outer series has given rise to only low-lying areas, some of them, however, of great size. Florida and some of the Bahamas, for instance, have a very considerable area.

Suess does not, however, give many facts as to the actual formation of each island, and the little information available is scattered far and wide in many journals. For Grenada there is no paper dealing with the geology which is in any way comparable to Guppy's Notes on a visit to Dominica, describing the geological features of the island (*Proc. Sci. assoc. Trinidad*, December, 1869, p. 377-392, 2 pl.). In view of this, the following quotation from an address published in the London times by Dr. Francis Watts, Imperial Commissioner of Agriculture for the West Indies, is of interest and importance:—

“A glance at the map of the West Indies almost certainly gives rise to the impression that the island represent the tops of a submerged land area, at one time connecting North and South America. Geologists support this popular impression, and refer to this lost country as Antillia, believing that it had an actual existence; but they are by no means agreed as to the period at which it was in being.

“Most of the islands bridging the gap across the Caribbean Sea show marked volcanic characters. Thus if we consider the range from St. Thomas southward to Trinidad, we find the Virgin Island group, Saba, St. Eustatius, St. Kitts, Nevis, Montserrat, Guadeloupe (western half), Dominica, Martinique, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, the Grenadines and Grenada all considered as volcanic, while St. Croix, Anguilla, Barbuda, Antigua, Guadeloupe (eastern half), and Barbados are recognized as being built up extensively or entirely of sedimentary and coral rocks. The study of these latter has afforded grounds for assigning geological dates, more or less vague and tentative, to the various formations there found.

“It is generally assumed, though not perhaps very definitely stated, that the volcanic islands contribute little which will enable one to learn much of the past history of the chain of which they constitute so large a part — a view, which, coupled with a misunderstanding concerning the true nature of some of the rocks classed as volcanic, has impeded the advance of knowledge in no inconsiderable degree.

“Observations carried on for some time in the Island of Antigua have led to the conclusion that the so-called volcanic rocks of that island — rocks to which previous writers have referred as the oldest series, or the old igneous basement on which the latter series have been superimposed — have not the character accorded to them, but that they are highly altered and displaced portions of the sedimentary rocks which occur in an unaltered condition in the middle of the island.

“These unaltered sedimentary rocks, which have usually hitherto been wrongly described as tuffs, contain fossils in places, though these are not abundant. They consist of sandstones (often so fine-grained as to be mud stones) and conglomerates. Associated with these rocks are considerable masses of fossil wood completely silicified and in most instances so well preserved that the minutest structure is capable of examination in microscopic sections. In addition to these woods, there are associated with these rocks silicious masses containing

shells of fresh and brackish water types in which, as in the case of the woods, the structure is often well preserved. These fossils should prove of value in determining the age of rocks, and it does not appear that up to the present they have received sufficient attention in this connection.

"It seems highly probable that these rocks are of similar age to the so-called "Scotland Series" of Barbados, and that they are of considerable geological age. As they underlie limestones, which geologists refer to Miocene times, they may well be of early Miocene or even Eocene age.

"The point now to be considered is that in the southwestern portion of Antigua these sedimentary rocks can be seen to pass into the series commonly described as volcanic, and to give rise to metamorphosed rocks connected with the sedimentary on the one hand, and the apparently volcanic on the other, the cause of this alteration being the intense activity which in later geological times, obliterated the traces of the continental sedimentary areas and substituted the volcanic masses of such islands as St. Kitts, Nevis, Montserrat, and Dominica.

"With the clue afforded by the study of the Antigua rocks it seems possible to detect traces of the old continental sedimentary areas in several of the islands hitherto regarded as purely volcanic. In this manner, rocks which are probably of sedimentary origin may be found in St. Lucia, where it is interesting to note that small quantities of fossil wood, apparently similar to some of the fossil wood of Antigua, has been found in association with them.

"Again in Grenada, an island hitherto described as entirely volcanic, more or less altered rocks of an apparently sedimentary character have been seen, and it is said that small quantities of limestone are associated with these. If this latter fact is verified, it may link up this series with those of Antigua.

"The geologically unexplored Grenadine islets, lying between Grenada and St. Vincent, may afford evidence of these hitherto unsuspected stratified rocks and may add to the story of the old Antillean continent. The forms assumed by their weathering suggest in places sedimentary rather than volcanic rocks, as do also some of the outlines of parts of Grenada itself.

"These now nearly obliterated sedimentary rocks occurring as the Scotland Series of Barbados, the so-called tuffs of Antigua and in a few other parts of the West Indies between Trinidad and the Virgin Islands were probably derived from, or may have constituted part of, the old Antillean continent. A careful study of this formation, coupled with the recognition of its wider distribution than has been hitherto recognized, may be useful in determining the age of that continent, which will probably be found to belong to the Eocene period.

"The object of these notes is to draw attention to the fact that there exists in the West Indies many plainly indicated, but imperfectly studied, geological problems offering attractions to geologists and promising fair harvests of results. Much has been done by various observers to indicate the general lines of research, but now the details require to be filled in. It would seem that Antigua offers, perhaps, the best starting point for studies such as are here indicated; after working out the problems of Antigua, those of Guadeloupe and St. Croix would probably be readily solved. After this, it would seem possible to unravel the difficulties presented by the volcanic islands, and for this purpose a detailed study of Grenada, the Grenadines, St. Vincent and St. Lucia would doubtless indicate the line of attack. It is thus evident that, to geological students wishing to combine pleasant travel with interesting work, these islands offer many attractions and some opportunities of gaining recognition for discoveries of interest.

"Such students, should they come, will find in most places plenty to engage their attention, and kindred spirits willing to direct their inquiries into useful channels without loss of time, and one would view with pleasure and appreciation the formation of a small expedition

composed of students qualified for field work, under a competent senior, who would visit the West Indies for a course of post-graduate study, and would look forward to the acquisition of results of considerable scientific interest and value."

That the general process of island formation has been extremely slow, and that the evolution from a great land mass of almost continental size and perhaps Eocene age, to the present condition of an extensive archipelago took place evenly and without any great regions disappearing below the sea to reappear later, is shown by the distribution of the land animals. These do not appear now to fall into series corresponding in their distribution to the island arcs, but taken altogether form a single, remarkably homogeneous fauna, many characteristic features of which may be traced from Cuba or Jamaica to Grenada. Naturally types derived from Central America predominate in Cuba and in Jamaica (Barbour, *Bull. M. C. Z.*, 1910, 52, p. 276), as naturally types derived by the connection with northern South America predominate in Grenada; while in Porto Rico, for example, the fauna is mixed as one would expect it to be. In times past, great stress has been laid on the significance of the great deep in the Virgin group which separates these islands from St. Croix by 2,000 fms. Nevertheless, the same rocks reappear on both sides of the cleft, and the distribution of the fauna shows that this cleft has not always existed. Such a deep of limited area between two land masses lying unaffected by it and yet so near at hand, has, by the fact of its depth alone, but little significance. The phenomenon of islands with closely related faunae being separated by a small area of very deep water is met with frequently in all parts of the world. In the East Indies the Ké Islands are connected on the one hand with Ceram by a series of shallows, reefs, and islands; while, so far as is known, only deep water exists between the Ke and Aru groups and Papua. The fauna in Ké shows many Papuan types as well as types derived from Ceram. Such deeps as these are in no wise to be confounded with extensive clefts like that between Jamaica and Cuba, or between Borneo and Celebes. These are very real zoölogic boundaries which have existed since the dawn of land life on the earth. Their importance is pointed out especially by the fact that, although they are narrow, yet no interchange of fauna whatever has taken place across them by "flotsam and jetsam" methods of dispersal. Yet animals should float across these straits as easily as across great stretches of oceans; and this, some writers persist in believing, constantly occurs. Eduard Suess in 1893 contributed a very enlightening article to *Natural science* (1893, 2, p. 180-187) having the title *Are great ocean depths permanent?*

In 1910 when I published my Notes on the herpetology of Jamaica, I quoted Dr. R. T. Hill as believing that the West Indies "have persisted without Continental connection or union with each other since their origin." He wrote this after the publication of his Notes on the geology of the island of Cuba (Bull. M. C. Z., 1895, 16). I find however by re-studying his Geology of Jamaica that after his more prolonged examination of the geology of Jamaica he changed his opinion very radically, for here (Bull. M. C. Z., 1899, 34, p. 224) he says:—

"In late Oligocene or Miocene time there was a tremendous orogenic movement which resulted in uplift, whereby many of the islands were connected with each other, and possibly an insular southern portion of Florida, but not establishing land connection with the North and South American continents. . . . In Miocene or early Pliocene time the islands were severed by submergence into their present outlines and membership, which they have since retained with only secondary modification."

It will be seen that these views agree more closely with the conclusions which are forced by an interpretation of the facts presented by the distribution of existing animals. The Lesser Antilles have probably been subject to more violent disturbances than the Greater. Nevertheless the existing species show that nearly all of the islands if not every one of them, has never been completely submerged since their original breaking away from the land which now forms northeastern South America, or more probably that part of it which is represented in remnants by the great flat-topped mountains such as Roraima in British Guiana. Grenada and possibly some of the other more southerly Lesser Antilles have probably been in temporary union with the mainland once or twice since the first connection was severed.

Regarding the origin and affinity of the Grenadian fauna, then, we may summarize by saying that in its salient features it is a typical Antillean island fauna. It shows closer affinity with South America than the other islands to the northward. It has evidently been connected with South America after it became separated from St. Vincent and the other islands north of it; and this separation may have been caused by subsidence, accompanied by a slow folding which began north and progressed to the southward, separating the islands successively from one another. This is suggested by the progressive diminution of typical South American forms from south to north. The geological structure of many of the islands of the inner Antillean arc is so masked by the products of extensive and recent volcanic activity that the zoölogist can look for but little assistance from the geological investigation of these islands. Their past history will only be definitely known when the land fauna of each island is completely investigated.

The introduction of the mongoose has, in Grenada as elsewhere, resulted in marked changes affecting the relative abundance of many animals, and none have suffered more than the reptiles. In writing of several species, I have included notes furnished me by Dr. Allen regarding mongoose ravages. I have previously had something to say regarding the conditions in Jamaica, and there as in Grenada, the same genera seem to have suffered most from the introduction of this pest (Barbour, *Bull. M. C. Z.*, 1910, 52, p. 270-301).

CONCLUSIONS.

The fauna of the West Indian region as a whole is homogeneous; that is to say, certain genera, as for instance Ameiva, probably derived from northeastern South America, have penetrated through the chain with a local species upon practically every island, and reached as far as Cuba and Jamaica. Naturally, the types derived from South America are most abundant in the islands which were last in connection with South America, as in Grenada; and disappear gradually, dropping out one by one, until but comparatively few reach the Greater Antilles. Conversely, types of Central American origin predominate in Cuba and Jamaica; Central American types, derived through both of these islands, occur on Haiti and Porto Rico. Other genera which may be called purely Antillean are found throughout the entire group of islands; and the most characteristic of these are Alsophis and Leimadophis, whose distributions parallel one another in a most remarkable manner, as does also the distribution of Eleutherodactylus. There is no use in expanding upon the limits of extent of the other genera, as these may easily be seen by referring to the tables. The point, however, which is most worthy of emphasis is that this homogeneous fauna is characteristic not only of reptiles and amphibians, but of birds and mammals, as well as of groups of terrestrial invertebrates, Peripatus affording an excellent example. When this fact is taken into consideration with the regularity with which the important genera occur on practically every island that has been scientifically explored, with a species peculiar to each, it becomes evident at once that these groups of individuals on each island have been isolated for a long time, and that evolution by isolation would be impossible if individuals were being carried from one island to another by flotsam and jetsam dispersal. The inherent tendency of any isolated group of individuals to vary in some definite direction and to fix peculiar characters within the group would be impossible if a constant

exchange of individuals from one island to another were taking place. If this has taken place in the past, it should be occurring still; and the fact that it does not occur now is good proof that this method of dispersal has never played a part of any importance in the past. A very few species have been carried about fortuitously,— whether by human agency or otherwise, it is impossible to know, — but this has been the exception and not the rule. The West Indian fauna is obviously one which has descended from species which formerly ranged over great areas of land which, in connection with each other at various times, as well as with the mainland of Central and South America, have gone to make up the area we may call Antillea.

ANNOTATED LIST OF THE SPECIES.

AMPHIBIA.

***Spelerpes infuscatus* PETERS.**

PETERS, Monatsb. Akad. wiss. Berl., 1879, p. 778. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Grad. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 72.

In speaking of the type, Peters says: "Auch von dieser Art besitzt das Museum nur ein einziges Exemplar (No. 6556), durch das Museum Godeffroy aus Hayti erhalten."

No discovery has ever been made in the West Indian region that surpassed in zoögeographic importance the finding of a salamander upon Haiti. Taken in connection with the distribution of *Spelerpes fuscus* (Bonaparte) in Italy and southern France, it is one of the suggestions that there may have been an ancient connection between southern Europe and Antillea. Mr. Mann who collected in Haiti (November, 1912–February, 1913) did not succeed in finding this species, although he searched especially for it.

***Hyla septentrionalis* BOULENGER.**

BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 368.

Stejneger (The Bahama Islands, 1905, p. 330) states the reasons for crediting this species to Boulenger. It is found commonly upon Cuba and among the northern Bahama and Cayman Islands. I have examined the type of *Hyla wrightii* Cope in the U. S. national museum, and can state positively that it is a synonym of this species. The type of *Hyla insulsa* Cope has been lost. From my variable series collected near Cienfuegos, Madruga, Matanzas, Havana, Herradura, San Diego de los Baños, Pinar del Rio and Guantanamo, I have no doubt but that this species is a synonym also.

***Hyla vasta* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1871, p. 219. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 351.

This enormous species, one of the very largest in the genus, was among those found by Gabb while he was in charge of the Geological survey of San Domingo. It is apparently very rare, since its great size would render it noticeable if it were at all common, to say nothing of its probably sonorous voice, which must be far-sounding. Cope remarks that in structure it appears to resemble *Hyla lichenosa*

Günther of Mexico. Boulenger, however, says that this species is a composite one which may be resolved into *H. venulosa* (Laurenti) and *H. nigropunctata* Boulenger; although just why Günther's name is not available for this last species is not quite evident (Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 364, 366).

***Hyla dominicensis* (Tschudi).**

Tschudi, Class. Batr., 1838, p. 30. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 370 (part).

In my Notes on the herpetology of Jamaica (Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, **52**, p. 289) I showed how this species differed from *Hyla brunnea* Gosse of Jamaica, and also remarked that a comparison of a large series from Haiti and San Domingo with the type of Cope's *H. ovata* (M. C. Z., No. 1,518) showed them to be one and the same species. The species is confined to Haiti, whence the Museum has many specimens from all parts of the island.

***Hyla brunnea* GOSSE.**

GOSSE, Naturalist's sojourn in Jamaica, 1851, p. 361. BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, **52**, p. 288.

Although a number of species of the genus *Hyla* have at one time or another been either described or recorded from Jamaica, there can be no doubt but that this form and *Hyla lichenata* (Gosse) are the only ones that really occur there. This species is common, is confined to the island, and takes there the place of *H. dominicensis* (Tschudi) in Haiti and *H. septentrionalis* Boulenger in Cuba.

***Hyla lichenata* (GOSSE).**

GOSSE, Naturalist's sojourn in Jamaica, 1851, p. 362, pl. 7. BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, **52**, p. 289.

A curious and apparently very rare species, confined to Jamaica.

***Hyla pulchrilineata* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Amer. philos. soc., 1869, **11**, p. 163. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 378.

The beautiful little tree-frog first discovered by Gabb in San Domingo is represented in the collection by a fine specimen taken at Puerto Plata, San Domingo, by Mr. M. Abbott Frazar. The species is confined to the island, and is the only West Indian *Hyla* that is not referable to the section *Trachycephalus*. Its origin and relationships provide a fruitful field for speculation, and many be said to provide a parallel to the very unexpected discovery of *Spelerpes* in Haiti, since it is a not very distant relative of the widespread European *Hyla arborea* (Linné).

Bufo longinasus STEJNEGER.

STEJNEGER, Proc. U. S. nat. mus., 1905, 28, p. 765.

The type alone is known (U. S. N. M., No. 27, 419) of this remarkable little toad, quite unrelated to the other Antillean members of the genus. It was captured at dusk on a rock in a mountain stream near El Guamá, in the Province of Pinar del Rio, western Cuba, by Messrs. William Palmer and J. H. Riley, during their extensive collecting trip of 1900. Naturally nothing is known of its habits, or distribution. The fully webbed hind feet indicate that its habits are probably more strictly aquatic than the others of the genus in Cuba. Thanks to a note of Mr. William Palmer I was able to collect at about the exact type locality, but unfortunately I was unable to find a single specimen.

Bufo ramsdeni, sp. nov.

Type:—No. 3,213, M. C. Z., one specimen, Los Hondones, Monte Libano, Guantanamo, Cuba. June, 1913, C. T. Ramsden, collector.

This beautiful species requires comparison with *Bufo longinasus* Stejneger only. It differs in having the toes but little webbed, the fingers longer, in having more numerous dorsal tubercles and a very strikingly different coloration.

Head and body depressed; snout concave along median line, projecting and rather pointed; canthus rostralis rounded; interorbital space much wider than upper eyelid; tympanum scarcely visible; first finger shorter than second; tips of fingers and toes not dilated and hardly swollen at all; fingers slender, longer than in *B. longinasus*; toes slightly webbed; subarticular tubercles large, single; both metatarsal tubercles well developed; a tarsal fold; tibiotarsal articulation of adpressed hind limb reaches midway between insertion of fore limb and tympanic region; skin itself smooth, with small wrinkles and many tubercles arranged in more or less regular longitudinal series; paratoids greatly developed as in *Bufo longinasus*. Color (in alcohol) above almost black, a conspicuous light stripe from snout to vent, this stripe is extended laterally on the eyelids and thus widens to a rhomb-like figure on the head. The light stripe is bordered on each side by a narrow band of deep velvety black. Below, the throat is mahogany-brown, the fore part of chest and angles of the jaws deep brown; the belly is white profusely spotted and streaked with dark brown, as are also the lips and upper surfaces of the limbs.

The type and only known specimen of *Bufo longinasus* is a male; *B. ramsdeni* while almost the same size is a female with the sexual organs decidedly

immature. It is, however, hardly conceivable that the marked differences which they exhibit can be explained on the basis of sexual dimorphism. If this should turn out to be the case it would be unique in the genus. I prefer to believe that there are two related species representing this remarkable section of the genus, probably as in so many other species, one confined to the western region and the other to the eastern. The differences having arisen in these cases probably not so much through isolation as through the extremely different environmental conditions.

I have named this remarkable species for its discoverer, my hospitable friend Mr. C. T. Ramsden, of San Carlos, Guantanamo.

The stomach of this specimen was filled with partially digested ants and small beetles. The locality whence it came is at a considerable altitude above sea level. The type of *B. longinasus* came from a lowland stream.

***Bufo peltacephalus* TSCHUDI.**

TSCHUDI, Class. Batr., 1838, p. 52. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 325.

Boulenger cites p. 89 of Tschudi's work as the original description. This refers to a *nomen nudum* only; the short description, which is, nevertheless, perfectly recognizable, is with many others intercalated in the general discussion of the Bufonidae.

This is the most widely distributed of the four species of toads known from Cuba. The Museum has specimens from Pinar del Rio, San Diego de los Baños, Havana, Guantanamo, and Santiago de Cuba. All four of the species are confined to Cuba.

The theory that the West Indian toads are a disappearing group is not entirely tenable. This species and *Bufo empusus* exist in large numbers, although their appearance is extremely erratic, almost comparable to that of *Scaphiopus* in the eastern United States. Once their mode of hiding becomes known, they may be obtained easily. About Pinar del Rio this species excavates a deep burrow under a loose rock, and by turning rocks they may often be found. In other places, they live about houses, especially in the mouths of the rain-water drains. They are often seen moving about at night, their sallies being apparently far more frequent than those of *Bufo empusus*.

***Bufo gutturosus* LATREILLE.**

LATREILLE, Hist. nat. Rept., 1802, 2, p. 135. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 324.

Upon comparing an adult toad from Haiti with a *Bufo lemur* Cope, the

characters that Stejneger (Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1912, 1904, p. 570) pointed out as likely to be diagnostic are found, just as he suspected. Stejneger had no Haitian specimen; but his conclusion, based on the evidence of previous descriptions and figures, is confirmed by the material available here.

It is said to be common locally but to be very erratic in its appearance. Mr. Mann collected specimens at Cape Haitien, Diquini, Momance, Manneville, and Grand Riviere. I have seen no examples from the San Domingo end of the island.

This species, then is confined to Haiti, being replaced on Porto Rico by its ally *Bufo lemur* Cope.

***Bufo lemur* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1868, p. 311. STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 570, fig. 1-5.

As Stejneger surmised, this toad is quite distinct from the *Bufo* of Haiti, and hence is confined to Porto Rico, where it is very rare. Stejneger heard reports of its occurrence on Vieques Island, but was unable to obtain any specimens. August Stahl, the venerable Porto Rican naturalist, told Stejneger that he himself had never once found the "sapo concha," as it is called by the Spanish-speaking natives. In forty years only six specimens had come into his possession, brought in by peasants who found them by chance. Of these, two are now in the collection of the Museum (M. C. Z., No. 2,180).

I can not do better than to quote verbatim Stejneger's account of how he finally succeeded in procuring specimens near Arecibo:—

"We made diligent inquiries in the neighborhood through our young friend Mr. Enrique L. Brascoechea, and finally, as we had almost given up hope, he found an old beggar who remembered a place where as a boy he had seen the sapos. He was promised a substantial reward, and on the last evening of our stay in Arecibo brought in five fine specimens captured about 3 miles south of the town. He said he had found them in holes under the roots of palm trees at the border of a fresh-water pond, where they kept in hiding during the day."

***Bufo empusus* (COPE).**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 344. GUNDLACH, Erpet. Cubana, 1880, p. 87. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 326.

Gundlach found this species, so rare in collections, rather common locally in the Cienago de Zapata, in the jurisdiction of Colon, in the savannas near Los Ciegos, and Los Palacios in the Vuelta Abajo region of the Province of Pinar del Rio. I was able to obtain a splendid series in some plains about five miles northeast of Herradura, also in the Province of Pinar del Rio. I should

never have learned of their existence had it not been for the aid given me by an intelligent young Cuban, Sr. Lucio Alfonso. In response to my inquiry regarding the occurrence of the "*Sapo de Concha*," he took me to an upland clayey pasture near by, which had recently been burned over. Scattered thickly over this whole area were the mouths of a great number of small burrows. These were evidently of two sorts, for the openings of some were carefully rimmed with smoothly patted clay, while the others were rough and looked unfinished. Those with the rims each contained a *Bufo empusus*. The tube-like burrow was perfectly cylindrical and from seven to ten inches deep. The toad which always looked larger than the diameter of the burrow, was to be found in a small chamber at the bottom, its curious hornlike, shelly, head forming an operculum which closed the burrow accurately. To accomplish this closing most advantageously, the toad was sometimes found resting on its side or back. The small individuals were frequently observed near the surface, their little heads just filling the mouth of the tubes. Only one or two adults were observed near the surface. The other burrows spoken of were inhabited by Tarantulas, which were excessively common.

Gundlach says, and he is confirmed by what the country folk told me, that these toads come forth to sing in unison on warm nights after a rain. There is no apparent rule to guide their appearance and they are not heard during many apparently favorable nights. The people told me that they had never met them outside their burrows, probably because they had not visited this particular field by night. From what I have heard, I am sure this species always occurs in these colonies in areas where the soil is suitable for making their burrows.

***Eleutherodactylus ricordii* (DUMÉRIL ET BIBRON).**

DUMÉRIL ET BIBRON, *Erpét. gén.*, 1841, 8, p. 623. BOULENGER, *Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus.*, 1882, p. 213.

A common species throughout Cuba and the northern Bahama Islands. It has been taken in Florida, and seems to be spreading northward (Barbour, *Proc. Biol. soc. Wash.*, 1910, 23, p. 100).

In 1887 Cope admitted that his *Hylodes planirostris* was synonymous with this species (*Proc. U. S. nat. mus.*, 1887, 11, p. 406). There seems, however, to be a tendency for Cuban examples to have a shorter fourth toe than Bahaman individuals. This difference does not appear to be an invariably constant character.

***Eleutherodactylus dimidiatus* (COPE).**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 151.

This distinct species from eastern Cuba was overlooked by Boulenger when he was preparing the Catalogue of Batrachia Salientia in the British museum, 1882. There are several specimens in the U. S. national museum, which I have examined. While in 1913 I found it at a point near Pozo Prieto, Barrio of Los Negros, Jurisdiction of Jiguani and Mr. V. J. Rodriguez secured it at the Pan de Azucar also in the Sierra Maestra.

***Eleutherodactylus cuneatus* (COPE).**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 152. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 209.

This little frog was among those sent to the Museum by Major Wirt Robinson, U. S. A., from Santiago, Cuba. The species was first described from eastern Cuba. In February, 1912, I found a single typical example near Cienfuegos. The U. S. national museum has specimens from several localities in Pinar del Rio, collected by Palmer and Riley.

***Eleutherodactylus plicatus*, sp. nov.**

Type:—No. 3,056, M. C. Z., an adult, La Union, Monte Libano, Guantanamo, eastern Cuba, March 23, 1913, C. T. Ramsden, collector.

The type of this peculiar species, the sixth of its genus to be observed in Cuba was sent to the Museum with specimens of *E. dimidiatus* and *E. ricordii* from the same locality.

In its habit it reminds one of *E. cuneatus* but it differs strikingly in the shape of the head, which is much more rounded in front, in the remarkable dorsal rugosity, in the position of internal nares and vomerine teeth and in the absence of the characteristic black inguinal markings.

Tongue medium, oral, entire behind; vomerine teeth in two long series which converge posteriorly and almost meet at the median line, extending laterally but very little beyond the choanae which are situated nearer the median line than in the other species; head broad and rounded; snout only slightly declivitous; nostrils much nearer tip of snout than eye; upper eyelids slightly less wide than interorbital space; tympanum medium sized and round about one half the diameter of the eye; its distance from the latter equal to its own diameter; fingers with exceedingly small discs, the first and second fingers are equal in length; first toe much shorter than second; subarticular tubercles well

developed; no marked plantar tubercles; a rather small inner and outer metatarsal tubercle; a feebly developed tarsal fold, which may be due to shrinkage; hind limbs being bent forward along body the heel reaches beyond the tip of the snout, bent vertically to the axis of the body they overlap considerably; skin above extremely rugose and plicate; throat, chest, and anterior aspect of thighs perfectly smooth, belly and posterior femoral aspects finely granular.

Color of freshly preserved example. Uniform olive-brown above, below all surfaces a beautiful roseate pink, front of thighs more brilliant pink, throat with a few dark dots.

I am very loath to add a species to this multitudinous genus on the basis of a single specimen. Nevertheless this specimen is so peculiar in many ways that I am unable to include it in any known species. At first I thought that the dorsal rugosity was an artifact of preservation, as the other specimens taken at the same time and place, show no signs of this peculiar condition. It is a very slender and elegant form, beautifully colored and probably, localized in eastern Cuba, as, for instance *E. unicolor* Stejneger is confined to El Yunque in Porto Rico.

***Eleutherodactylus varians* (GUNDLACH & PETERS).**

GUNDLACH & PETERS, Monatsb. akad. wiss. Berlin, 1864, p. 390. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 215.

A Cuban species which is next to *E. ricordii*, the most abundant and widely distributed species in central Cuba. We collected a large series about Soledad, near Cienfuegos during February, 1912. I have never found this species in Oriente.

***Eleutherodactylus luteolus* (GOSSE).**

GOSSE, Naturalist's sojourn in Jamaica, 1851, p. 366, pl. 7. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 208. BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, 52, p. 286, pl. 2, fig. 1.

A very interesting and abundant species, confined to Jamaica. The metamorphosis from egg to adult is direct, the frothy egg-mass being laid in a depression in moist earth; the period of incubation is very short.

***Eleutherodactylus jamaicensis* BARBOUR.**

BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, 52, p. 287, pl. 2, fig. 2.

A rather rare species, which I had supposed was confined to the highlands about Mandeville, Jamaica. Recently, however, Mr. C. T. Brues, has brought back a beautifully preserved specimen from Newton, Jamaica.

***Eleutherodactylus weinlandi*, sp. nov.**

Type:— No. 2,050, M. C. Z., an adult, Puerto Plata, San Domingo, December, 1881, M. Abbott Frazar, collector.

The type of this distinct new species is the one that Garman recorded from Puerto Plata as *Hylodes lentus* (Bull. Essex inst., 1887, 19, p. 14). It is related to *E. richmondi* Stejneger of Porto Rico, and through it to *E. lentus* of St. Thomas. In some characters it suggests *E. jamaicensis*; and these species together probably form a natural series through the Greater Antilles as *E. auriculatus*, *E. martinicensis*, and *E. johnstonei* do in both the Greater and the Lesser Islands. The migration of the first group took place after, and of the second group before, the opening up of the deep passage through the Virgin Islands.

Tongue rather narrow, slightly emarginate behind; vomerine teeth groups meeting to form a continuous -shaped series behind the choanae, there is no space between the series and the choanae, but the series extends laterally beyond the choanae almost to a line with the margin of the jaws; nostril much nearer tip of snout than eye, the distance from the eye being equal to its diameter. Tympanum slightly less than one half the diameter of the eye, its distance from the latter about equal to its diameter; discs of fingers small; first toe short, only reaching the subarticular tubercle of the second; subarticular tubercles well developed; two well-developed metatarsal tubercles; no plantar tubercles; no tarsal fold; the bent limbs being pressed along the sides, the knee and elbow meet; hind limb being extended along the side, the heel reaches the centre of the eye; hind limbs being placed vertically to the body-axis, they overlap; skin above and on the flanks very finely granular; underside smooth; posterior border of thigh areolate.

Color, spirit specimen: dorsum dark brown, a light line on each side beginning at the nostril, running through the eye, and ending in a light area which covers the sacral region. Limbs, except hinder side of thigh, and belly light and immaculate. The sacrum and hind limbs appear to have been red in life. Garman states that they were so, but evidently by inference also.

This species is named to commemorate the work of Dr. D. F. Weinland, whose indefatigable collecting on this island greatly increased our knowledge of Antillean herpetology.

In the collection made by Mr. W. M. Mann there is an immature example from Diquini, Haiti, which seems to be referable to this species.

Eleutherodactylus richmondi STEJNEGER.

STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 593, fig. 25-29.

A species related to *E. lentus* (Cope), but confined to the region near the summit of El Yunque Mountain, Porto Rico.

Eleutherodactylus lentus (COPE).

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 151. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 207.

This species is confined to St. Thomas. The specimen from Puerto Plata, San Domingo, recorded by Garman, (Bull. Essex inst., 1887, 19, p. 14) does not belong here, but to *E. weinlandi* now described as new. Boulenger also includes San Domingan examples under this species, but these in all probability may also be referred to *E. weinlandi* Barbour.

Eleutherodactylus unicolor STEJNEGER.

STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 597, fig. 35-39.

A very peculiar species, confined to El Yunque Mountain, Porto Rico. Stejneger remarks that it has no near relation in all the Antilles.

Eleutherodactylus monensis (MEERWARTH).

MEERWARTH, Mitth. naturh. mus. Hamburg., 1901, 18, p. 39, pl. 1, fig. 11; pl. 2, fig. 4-5. STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 595, fig. 30-34.

A species confined to Mona Island.

Eleutherodactylus auriculatus (COPE).

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 152. STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 583, fig. 15-19.

Having specimens of *E. martinicensis* (Tschudi) from several of the Lesser Antilles,—among them St. Kitts, Martinique, Monserrat, and Guadeloupe, I can confirm Stejneger's statement that this Greater Antillean form well merits separation. It is known from eastern Cuba, the type locality, San Domingo, and Porto Rico. Mann's single example from Grand Riviere, Haiti, appears to have the tympanum slightly larger than is shown in Stejneger's figure.

Eleutherodactylus antillensis (REINHARDT & LÜTKEN).

REINHARDT & LÜTKEN, Vid. Meddel. nat. foren. Kjöbenh., for 1862, 1863, p. 209. STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 591, fig. 20-24.

A species which Stejneger has shown to be perfectly distinct from *E. auriculatus*, with which Boulenger had previously united it. It is definitely known

only from St. Thomas and Vieques. It may occur upon St. Croix and St. John, but there is no definite record for these islands.

***Eleutherodactylus martinicensis* (Tschudi).**

Tschudi, Class. Batr., 1838, p. 77. Boulenger, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 214 (part).

This famous little frog, so easily and so often carried from place to place, is now very widespread in the Antillean region. Although this species develops without metamorphosis by skipping a free living larval stage, it was really the Porto Rican *E. auriculatus* (Cope) in which this characteristic was first noticed, although all the Lesser Antillean and many of the Greater Antillean species have been at one time or another included under this name.

In Jamaica its occurrence in Hope Gardens is due to its introduction by Lady Blake (Barbour, Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, 52, p. 288). The records for San Domingo (Boulenger, *loc. cit.*) and Porto Rico (*auct.*) refer to *E. auriculatus* (Cope). Fielden says that it was introduced into Barbados from whence in 1882 there were specimens in the British museum. From Barbados it is said to have been introduced into Grenada; but the species from Grenada is a different species, named *E. johnstonei*. This may be taken to indicate that the southern Lesser Antilles support a species quite distinct from true *H. martinicensis*, and which has been introduced perhaps from St. Vincent to Barbados and Grenada. Most unfortunately no St. Vincent frogs are in the collection, and Fielden (Zoologist, 1889, p. 298) gives no clew as to whence the Barbadian frogs came. Since records from practically all the West Indies have been published for "*Hylodes martinicensis*," it is best to admit here only such as undoubtedly belong to this species in its restricted sense. The Museum has several hundred from Martinique, the type locality, but whence, Stejneger states, it was said to have been brought from Guadeloupe. From this island also there is a very large series in the collection. Others are preserved from St. Kitts, and neither Stejneger nor I have been able to find that they were in the least different. I can say the same for specimens from Saba, and Monserrat. It has been recorded by Cope from St. Eustatius and St. Martins. Reinhardt and Lütken (Vid. Middel. nat. foren. Kjöbenh. for 1862, 1863, p. 159) record it from Barbados; and as this is more than twenty years earlier than Fielden wrote, it does not lend any confirmation to his statement, made in 1899, that it was introduced into Barbados twenty years before that date, which would be 1869. The specimens which Reinhardt and Lütken record must have been taken prior to 1862. There

are other records for small frogs in the West Indies; but without specimens it is impossible to refer them to their correct position, and for that reason their records are not included in this paper.

***Eleutherodactylus johnstonei*, sp. nov.**

Plate, figs. 1, 2, 5, 7, 9.

Types:— No. 2,759, M. C. Z., two figured specimens, St. Georges, Grenada, G. M. Allen and C. T. Brues, collectors. Besides the types there is an enormous series of specimens, young and adults, from various localities in the coastal lowlands of the island.

Dr. Allen's notes present the following brief history of this species:— "Mr. Septimus Wells tells me that this small piping frog was introduced about 25 years ago [*i. e.* about 1885] from Barbados, and has since spread up country. It is, of course, absent from the forests of the high region about Grand Etang. I heard the last one near the side of the highway about three miles above St. George's."

I am very loath to designate as types of a new species individuals from a locality of which the species is not truly a native. Since, however, no specimens are available from Barbados, and the species was also possibly introduced there, there is no alternative but to use the material in hand.

This is a short-limbed, heavy-bodied species belonging to that section of the genus having a granular belly, and strong oblique groups of vomerine teeth posterior to the internal nares, and converging posteriorly toward the mesial line.

Tongue rather narrow, oval, free, and unnicked behind; vomerine teeth in two strong oblique series, arising immediately behind the posterior inner margin of the choanae, not extending laterally beyond the latter, and strongly converging backward, the interval between the series slightly less than their distance from the nares; nostrils much nearer tip of snout than eyes, their distance from the eyes about equal to or slightly larger than the diameter of one of the latter; upper eyelid less wide than interorbital space; tympanum almost exactly half the diameter of the eye, its distance from the eye not over two thirds its diameter; fingers with well-developed discs, first very slightly shorter than second; discs of toes smaller than those of fingers; tip of first toe not quite reaching the base of the disc of the second; two metatarsal tubercles, moderate in size, and with the outer larger than the inner; soles with rather abundant, feebly developed tubercles; no tarsal fold; the bent limbs being pressed along the side, knee

and bowel meet; hind limb being extended along the side, heel almost reaches eye; hind limbs being placed vertically to the axis of the body, the heels just overlap, very slightly; skin above densely granular; a fairly well-defined glandular ridge along back from snout to vent; belly and hinder aspect of thighs strongly glandular; throat, upper portion of chest, and anterior aspect of thighs smooth; no differentiated adhesive disc area.

The variation in color is very great, and may be gauged by the figures of the typical specimens. Other variation is seen in the dorsal granulation, which is always well developed, however, and in the fact that in the largest individuals the heels barely meet posteriorly, when the limbs are laid vertically to the body. The extreme adults, then, have very short limbs.

The species belongs near *E. auriculatus* (Cope) from the Greater Antilles, and *E. martinicensis* (Peters) from Guadeloupe, Martinique, St. Kitts, Jamaica, and elsewhere. The latter species was, according to Stejneger (Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 584), introduced from Guadeloupe to Martinique; and still more recently it has been carried to Jamaica (Barbour, Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, 52, p. 288). *E. johnstonei* can be separated from *E. auriculatus* Cope by its vomerine teeth groups, which are less extended laterally, by its larger tympanum, which is nearer the eye than in the other species, by its shorter hind limbs, and the more considerable development of tubercles on back and soles of feet. In *E. martinicensis* (Peters), the exposed tympanum is still less in size. *E. antillensis* Reinhardt and Lütken, from St. Thomas, is easily separable by its small feet. *E. johnstonei* grows to a larger size than any specimen of *E. martinicensis* which I have been able to examine. The largest Grenadian specimen is 32 mm. from snout to vent. Porto Rican examples (*E. auriculatus*) reach a size of 43 mm., according to Stejneger, and there are several of almost this size in the collection here.

In the Zoologist (1889, p. 298), Col. Fielden of Barbados makes the following note regarding what he calls *Hylodes martinicensis*:—

“The little Tree-frog *Hylodes martinicensis*, Tschudi, is undoubtedly a very recent introduction; twenty years ago, as I am credibly informed, it was quite unknown. It is now spread over the entire island. . . .”

This is substantiated by Bellin, who wrote in 1758, in his Description géographique des Isles Antilles possédées par les Anglais (Paris, 1758, p. 61), that upon the island of Barbados “Il n’y a ni Crapauds ni Grenouilles.”

This species is named for His Honor Robert S. Johnstone, Chief Justice of Grenada and the Grenadines, who very kindly aided the members of the Museum’s expedition while at Grenada.

Eleutherodactylus urichi (BOETTGER).

Plate, fig. 3, 4, 6, 8, 10.

BOETTGER, Journ. Trinidad field. nat. club, 1894, 2, p. 88.

Without specimens from Trinidad, it is impossible to decide certainly whether the specimens which Dr. Allen brought from Grenada are absolutely the same as this species or not. They certainly agree closely with the original description, and must be very closely related, if not identical.

The large series are from the virgin forest about the Grand Etang, a lake high up in the central part of the island. To this region this species is absolutely confined. Not a single specimen was taken in the lowlands. It occurs commonly under stones, rotten logs, and in decaying leaves and other fallen vegetation. Its note is "a series of eight or nine rapid 'criks,' the last two or three less rapid, and the whole not louder than a cricket."

The two figures show how varying the color pattern may be; and the coloring itself of the alcoholic individuals is also very various. In general it agrees with Boettger's description, but no two specimens are alike. About one hundred were preserved.

Leptodactylus pentadactylus (LAURENTI).

LAURENTI, Syn. Rept., 1768, p. 32. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 241.

This species, with an enormous distribution over the South American mainland, has been recorded from but three West Indian islands,—Dominica, St. Kitts, and St. Lucia. This distribution strongly suggests an artificial introduction as an article of food. It may, however, have been extirpated upon other islands where it once occurred for this very reason.

As argument against their artificial introduction, we may cite Father Labat, who, in his accurate and engrossing narrative entitled "Nouveau voyage aux îles d'Amerique," &c., (La Haye, 6 vols., 12mo, 1724, and Paris, 8 vols., 12mo, 1742), informs us that "On trouve a la Martinique & en quelques-autres Isles, les plus belles Grenouilles du monde, on les appelle Crapauds parce qu'elles sont vêtues comme les crapauds d'Europe, c'est-a-dire de gris avec des taches ou rayes Jaunes & noires; elles ne se tiennent pas dans l'eau, mais dans les bois où elles croassent tres-fort, sur tout la nuit...leur chair est blanche, tendre & délicate on ne jette que la tête."

Upon Martinique they have perhaps been now exterminated on account of their culinary value.

***Leptodactylus inoptatus*, sp. nov.**

Type.—No. 3,087, M. C. Z., one male, Diquini, Haiti, W. M. Mann, collector.

Vomerine teeth in two curved series behind the choanae; tongue large, slightly indented behind; nostrils very near tip of snout; tympanum circular, over two thirds the diameter of the eye; interorbital space over twice width of upper eyelid; first and second fingers equal in length; toes but very slightly webbed at base, third and fifth of equal length; subarticular tubercles very greatly developed, soles almost smooth; two metatarsal tubercles, the inner near the origin of a vestigial dermal fold; tarsometatarsal joint reaching nostril when the hind limb is carried forward along the body; skin smooth on middorsal area, slightly granular on sides, coarsely granular on belly; two dorsolateral glandular folds; a pronounced fold from eye over tympanum to shoulder; ventral disc feebly marked; figures and toes with slightly expanded tips; fingers and toes with well-developed dermal emarginal fingers; a spine-like tubercle very prominent on posterior region of each eyelid.

Color, middorsal area lilac or purplish brown; sides heavily marbled with dusky olive; lower surfaces dirty white. A white spot near the shoulders on each side. No white stripe on lips.

In speaking of *L. albilabris* from Porto Rico, Stejneger says (Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 561):—

“The status of the frog, *Leptodactylus albilabris*, is quite different from that of the other species of the fauna. In the Antilles it is restricted to the Virgin Islands, St. Croix, Vieques and Porto Rico. There is apparently no indigenous species of the genus in the Caribbean chain, the other two which occur in various islands being evidently introduced by man and belonging to widely different South American species. No *Leptodactylus* or related form is found in Haiti, Cuba, or Jamaica. But the most curious feature is that a frog which neither Dr. Boulenger nor I can distinguish from *L. albilabris*, is a native of southern Mexico, State of Vera Cruz, and the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. I know of absolutely no parallel to this extraordinary range, which is inexplicable on ordinary distributional grounds, for certainly it would transgress the boundaries of the probable to suppose either that this species had once covered the whole country between Tehuantepec and the Virgin Islands and become extinct in the intermediate territory, or that there had at any time been a direct connection between the localities mentioned to the exclusion of the large Antilles. Nor can it for a moment be supposed that the species exists in the latter without having attracted attention. No doubt there are many species yet to be discovered in these islands, but *L. albilabris* is not likely to be one of them, for it is one of the commonest, most obtrusive, and most easily caught batrachians wherever it occurs. In suggesting accidental introduction by man I am fully aware that this explanation does not at first appear plausible, as there does not seem to be or to have been any direct route of communication between southern Mexico or Yucatan and

Porto Rico or the Virgin Islands, but I offer it as the only possibility I can think of. The wrecking of a vessel with a cargo of logwood or mahogany a hundred years or more ago might account for this remarkable distribution."

Now considering that *L. albilabris* occurs upon more than one island, it is necessary to postulate a series of unlikely events to explain its accidental occurrence. It is more probable that the Porto Rican and mainland individuals have by some fortuitous parallelism become indistinguishable if they originally belonged to different stocks or if both were derived from the same stock then they have preserved their identity in parts of their range and varied with isolation in other parts. The occurrence in the East Indies of *Rana macrodon* in the greater Sunda Islands and New Guinea, and of *Rana modesta*, a derivative of *R. macrodon* in Celebes is a case of similar distribution. The Lesser Antillean species are almost certainly not introduced, since Labat informs us that frogs (*L. pentadactylus*) were a common article of food in Martinique and other islands as early as 1724. That they probably belonged to this species is shown by his stating that they lived in the woods and not in the water and by his description of their colors. The occurrence of a peculiar *Leptodactylus* upon Haiti, and there is evidence that a species occurs upon Cuba also, is not as astonishing as appears at first.

It is quite possible that other species remain undiscovered, while in the Lesser Antilles at least it is entirely probable that they may have been exterminated upon some islands because of their edible qualities. That the genus was once generally distributed throughout the area I have no doubt whatever.

In February, 1912, while collecting with Mr. R. M. Grey upon his COLONIA of the Soledad estate near Cienfuegos, Cuba, we both saw a large frog leap a number of times over a grass plat and take refuge in a small pond. Mr. Grey said it was a "bull frog" and that thereabouts such frogs were rare and shy. He has been trying, so far without success, to secure one, and I also searched for it in vain. I recognized at once that it was far larger than any *Eleutherodactylus* which I had ever seen and at the time concluded that it was a large *Hyla* which was perhaps approaching the water for breeding purposes. In the light of the finding of this species upon Haiti, I have but little doubt that it was an unknown *Leptodactylus*.

***Leptodactylus validus* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, **19**, p. 14.

This species was described from St. Vincent (Types M. C. Z., No. 2,183). Later, however, Boulenger called specimens from the same island *L. caliginosus*

Girard. The latter species was described (Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1853, p. 422) from specimens taken at Rio de Janeiro by the members of the U. S. exploring expedition. Boulenger (Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 247) makes *L. caliginosus* embrace Hallowell's species, *malanonotus*, from Nicaragua, which is certainly a valid form, as specimens in the Museum from Nicaragua show. They differ markedly from the figure and description of Brochi's *L. echinatus* (Miss. sci. Mex. Batr., 1882, p. 18, pl. 5, fig. 4), and also from a specimen from Merida, Venezuela, obtained through Rosenberg of London. This frog was from material collected by Sr. Briceño y Gabaldon, which was studied by Boulenger; so that it represents exactly Boulenger's *L. caliginosus*. Upon comparing this specimen with a large series from St. Vincent and Grenada, I find that they are the same in every respect. The only obstacle which now remains in the way of reducing *L. validus* to a synonym is the fact that we have no topotypes of *L. caliginosus* for comparison. I did not find this species when collecting about Rio, but only *L. poecilocheilus* Cope. A species of amphibian covering a range which extended from Rio de Janeiro to St. Vincent in the West Indies and to the Isthmus of Tehuantepec would be foreign to everything which we know of amphibian distributions. For this reason I keep the species separate, believing that a comparison with examples from Brazil will show this to be justified. *L. caliginosus* Girard will thus be the name for Brazilian examples, *L. validus* Garman for those from St. Vincent, Grenada, probably Trinidad, and certainly part of Venezuela; and *L. melanonotus* (Hallowell) for those from Central America, probably from Tehuantepec to Panama. I showed (Barbour, Bull. M. C. Z., 1906, 46, p. 228) that some very large specimens from San Miguel and Saboga Islands, in the Bay of Panama, were a distinct species, and gave them the name *L. insularum*.

From Dr. Allen's field notes I glean that there is no evidence that *L. validus* has been introduced in Grenada, and the fact that it is a species characteristic of the fauna of the small area of primeval forest still remaining in the interior of the island would make it appear certainly to be indigenous. Dr. Allen says that what he took to be this frog pipes like our common *Hyla pickeringii*. Specimens seen near the shore of the Grand Etang when disturbed, dove into the water, and hid among the dead leaves on the bottom. They occurred, however, in the sodden woods as well.

Leptodactylus albilabris (GÜNTHER).

GÜNTHER, Ann. mag. nat. hist., 1859, ser. 3, 4, p. 217. STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 561, fig. 6-10.

The history and status of this species, which has been considered one fortuitously introduced is discussed among the remarks upon *L. inoptatus*, sp. nov. from Haiti.

Phyllobates limbatus COPE.

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 154. BOULENGER, Cat. Batr. Sal. Brit. mus., 1882, p. 195.

The types of this species were six specimens now in a very bad state of preservation which were sent to the U. S. national museum from the region of Guantanamo, Cuba, by Mr. Charles Wright, a very accomplished botanical and zoölogical collector. I can not learn that the species has been taken since until 1912. Gundlach in all his trips over the island never collected it. I found it at two neighbouring stations. One a *seborucal* near Colonia Limones, another in an area of dense woods near Colonia Guabairo, both on the Soledad plantation near Cienfuegos.

The *seborucal*, as any densely wooded area upon a region of limestone rocks is called, was like an island in a sea of cane fields and the jungle was so dense and thorny that it could only be entered by following up the bed of a small stream. In company with Mr. R. M. Grey I found one of these tiny frogs under a stone on the bank of the stream. Another was seen but not secured. Greatly disappointed, for I realized at once the identity and interest of the find, we revisited the locality several times but were unsuccessful.

Some days later while enjoying the hospitality of Captain Beal of Guabairo, Mrs. Barbour and I were collecting along an old wood trail in the early morning when we came to a stony place in the road, evidently a sort of stream bed flowed over only during a heavy rain. By diligent searching under these stones we obtained a good series all of exactly the same minute size. The species is an extremely active and delicate one and to obtain uninjured specimens means quick and accurate work with the forceps.

The colors in life are as Cope has described them and he was certainly correct in adding that "This is perhaps the smallest frog known, and is a very prettily marked one."

Believing it probable that this species might in reality not be a true *Phyllobates* at all I cleared an entire specimen with chemical reagents and was thus able to study the sternum critically. The examination showed that the species was in every way a typical *Phyllobates*.

The finding of one member of this genus in Cuba is the only reason for still retaining *Phyllobates bicolor* in the list, which is I think unjustifiable.

Since the foregoing was written Mr. C. T. Ramsden has found a few specimens of this species at Monte Libano, near Guantanamo. These are approximate topotypes and thanks to Mr. Ramsden's generosity I have been able to make direct comparison of the specimens from these widely separated localities. They are exactly similar in every respect.

REPTILIA.

Gymnodactylus fasciatus DUMÉRIL et BIBRON.

DUMÉRIL et BIBRON, *Erpét. gén.*, 1836, **3**, p. 420. BOULENGER, *Cat. lizards Brit. mus.*, 1885, **1**, p. 31.

This the only Antillean species of the genus occurs upon Martinique. It has only been taken a few times, and of its habits, or of its possibly wider distribution, nothing is known.

Gonatodes albogularis DUMÉRIL et BIBRON.

DUMÉRIL et BIBRON, *Erpét. gén.*, 1836, **3**, p. 415. BARBOUR, *Bull. M. C. Z.*, 1910, **52**, p. 289.

This species, formerly supposed to be confined to Cuba, has been found in Jamaica, where it has undoubtedly been introduced by the direct carrying trade from Santiago de Cuba and Kingston. In Jamaica it has only been captured in and about the latter city. In Cuba it is common only in the region about the cities of Havana and Santiago de Cuba. I found it in houses in the latter city in 1909, and a fine adult was given me by Sr. Victor J. Rodriguez, caught in the buildings of the National University at Havana in February, 1912. Gundlach found it also in these two localities only. This distribution looks at once like a case of fortuitous introduction. It has, however, been found in the country as well, and there is a specimen in the British museum from the San Juan River district (Boulenger, *Cat. lizards Brit. mus.*, 1885, **1**, p. 59). The principal Rio San Juan is near Matanzas and this year I saw what I am convinced was this species near Matanzas. A fine adult pair caught by Mr. Charles T. Ramsden near Guantanamo is in the Museum the gift of Mr. Ramsden.

Gonatodes notatus (REINHARDT & LÜTKEN).

REINHARDT & LÜTKEN, *Vid. meddel. nat. foren. Kjöbenb. for* 1862, 1863, p. 280.

Although Boulenger (*Cat. lizards Brit. mus.*, 1885, **1**, p. 59) places this species in the synonymy of *G. albogularis*, with a query attached, it seems wisest

to keep them separate until specimens from Haiti can be compared with others from Cuba. The description seems to indicate a valid species. The type locality is Acquin, Haiti.

***Phyllodactylus spatulatus* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 176. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 1, p. 81.

This is apparently an excessively rare species, the types of which were caught at Barbados by Theodore Gill, who spent some time collecting upon that island. This case is more or less similar to that of *Tarentala cubana*, a species which is probably common enough, and yet which, on account of its crepuscular or nocturnal habits, very seldom finds its way into the hands of the general collector, and still remains very rare in museum collections.

Recently a specimen has come to hand which was collected in Curaçao. It has been compared with the types of this species by both Dr. Stejneger and myself, and there can be no doubt as to its identity.

***Thecadactylus rapicaudus* (HOULTUYN).**

HOULTUYN, Verh. Zeeuwsch. genoot. wet. Vlissingen, 1782, 9, p. 323, pl. 3, fig. 1. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 1, p. 111.

This is another species of gekko which occurs in both Central and South America, and upon many of the West Indies,—in some cases possibly distributed fortuitously. There are specimens in the Museum from Saba, St. Bartholomew, St. Lucia, Dominica, Anguilla, Guadeloupe, and Grenada. Other records are St. Thomas, St. Croix, Nevis, and Antigua.

The only other species in the genus is *T. australis* Günther, which occurs on the islands in Torres Straits. Such a distribution as this can only be explained by assuming that the genus is one of extraordinary antiquity,—an assumption that we can not prove,—or that the species are in reality unrelated, and that the similar characters are the result of the operation of some law of convergence. The species may really represent separate genera, which are possibly very distantly related to each other.

Three examples were secured by Dr. Allen in Grenada. The species is rare locally, although common on many other of the Antilles. "Wood slave," is native name according to Dr. Allen. In Jamaica this name is sometimes used for the Mabuya, and very often for *Sphaerodactylus gilvitorques*. For the latter genus in general, the name is "water-lizard," or "pawley lizard." Curiously enough it is never used for *Aristelliger*, which should suggest *Thecadactylus* so

strongly to the native observer. The remarkable distribution of these widespread native names, and their curious application to different local species, would provide a most absorbing problem for some student of folk-lore and linguistics. The same sort of a series of stock-names for littoral fishes appears spread from Bermuda and Florida to the Lesser Antilles, and might well be included in the same study.

***Aristelliger praesignis* (HALLOWELL).**

HALLOWELL, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1856, p. 222. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 1, p. 146. BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, 52, p. 289.

The Museum's specimens are from Jamaica, Grand Cayman, and Cayman Brac. This species needs comparison with *A. irregularis* Cope (Proc. Amer. philos. soc., 1885, 22, p. 387) from Cozumel Island, Yucatan, which we have not seen. The question as to whether the various mainland records for Belise and Nicaragua really refer to *A. praesignis* is one of prime importance. Do they represent the mainland inhabiting ancestors from which the Antillean individuals have been derived, or are they waifs which have been carried to the mainland from Jamaica by the considerable schooner traffic? If the former possibility is true, then we might expect *A. irregularis* Cope to stand valid. It is probably better to assume that it does (Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1887, 3, p. 485). If not, Boulenger's contention that it is identical is doubtless correct.

***Aristelliger lar* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1861, p. 497. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 1, p. 147.

The type of this species (M. C. Z., No. 3,607) is a very large individual, over a foot in total length. It was captured by Weinland near Jeremie, Haiti, and is the only one that the Museum has ever received.

***Aristelliger nelsoni*, sp. nov.**

Type:—No. 7,891, M. C. Z., an adult from Swan Islands, Caribbean Sea, March, 1912, George Nelson, collector. Seven paratypes.

This species may be distinguished from its close relative *A. praesignis* by its larger average size, several specimens are 235 mm. in length and by its shorter snout which is but slightly longer than the distance from eye to ear. Besides these characters which are not very striking, there is a marked difference in the dorsal scales. In the Jamaican examples these are rough, shagreen-like granules, while in those from Swan Island the skin is much more finely granular and much

smoother. The type has but seven upper and five lower labials to below the posterior border of the orbit. In the series of paratypes eight upper and six lower labials are found but this is evidently not the typical condition. The ventral scales of the preanal region are larger than those of elsewhere, which does not seem to be the case in *A. praesignis*. Lamellae under fourth toe 15 in number in the type, which seems to be a constant character.

The large size, shorter and less depressed snout, the lesser number of labials, finer dorsal granular scales and rather greater number of subdigital lamellae serve to distinguish this from *A. praesignis* Hallowell. The smaller number of subdigital lamellae and smaller size separate it at once from *A. lar* Cope. Its very prominent palpebral spine separate it from *A. georgeensis* (Bocourt) from St. George Island, and its small number of labials again serve to distinguish it from *A. irregularis* Cope from Cozumel Island. These four are the only species previously described. The genus is recorded from Belize by Boulenger (Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 1, p. 147).

The following field notes are important. Mr. Nelson states that the species is extremely common on both Swan Islands. It is frequently heard croaking at dusk both among the cocoanut palms, in the houses (on Swan Island), and in the woods. On Little Swan Island the species occurs only in the jungle since this island is and always has been uninhabited and is without any cleared land. The island (one and one half miles by one half mile in size) rises in sheer cliffs from the ocean on all sides. There is no introduced vegetation and it is here that the peculiar mammal *Capromys thoracatus* True is found abundantly. There is thus no reason whatever to suppose that this lizard has come to the island fortuitously. It is ninety-eight miles from the nearest point of the Honduran coast and one hundred and thirty-five miles from the Cayman group.

This species is named for Mr. George Nelson of the Museum staff, the first to explore thoroughly these interesting islands.

***Tarentola cubana* GUNDLACH & PETERS.**

GUNDLACH & PETERS, Monatsb. Akad. wiss. Berlin, 1864, p. 384. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1, 1885, p. 195; 3, 1887, p. 490.

This rare gekko is confined to Cuba. There are specimens in the Museum which Major Wirt Robinson, U. S. A., sent from Santiago; and the writer once had a living specimen which came from Cienfuegos and which most unfortunately was lost. Gundlach only found two specimens during his life in Cuba, one near San Diego de los Baños, in the Sierra de Rangel, and the other at Cabo Cruz. In February, 1913, I got a fine example under a stone at this same locality.

This is the only Antillean representative, in fact the only American representative, of a genus the other species of which inhabit southern Europe, northern and western Africa, the Cape Verde Islands, and Madeira. The fact that the Cuban species is so rare in collections would make it seem possible that the species may exist on Haiti; it is not likely to occur on Porto Rico or Jamaica, or on the Lesser Antilles. It is curious that its existence in the West Indies should be confined to Cuba, although we observe too many similarities in West Indian and West African generic ranges for the general habitat of *Tarentola* to seem very peculiar.

***Sphaerodactylus torrei*, sp. nov.**

Sphaerodactylus sputator BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 1, p. 219 (non Sparrman).

Anderson (Bihang. K. Svensk. vet-akad. Handl., 1900, 26, afd. 4, no. 1, p. 27) has shown that the name *Sphaerodactylus sputator* (Sparrman) must be transferred to *S. fantasticus* Duméril & Bibron, since he has identified the original specimens from St. Eustatius in the Stockholm museum with that species. It now becomes necessary to rename the Cuban species, which I have done in honor of the distinguished Cuban naturalist, Carlos de la Torre.

This is apparently a common species in eastern Cuba. It is supposed to occur also upon San Domingo; but no comparison from the two localities can be made here, nor did Boulenger, in 1885 have any from Haiti.

Type: — No. 6,916, M. C. Z. An adult, Santiago de Cuba, Wirt Robinson, collector. Two paratypes.

Snout rather pointed, longer than distance from eye to ear opening; ear aperture vertical, ovoid, rather small. Rostral large, with median cleft above, nostril between rostral, first labial and one to three small nasals; five upper and five lower labials; mental large, truncate posteriorly; no regular chin shields, but many polygonal scales, which pass into the throat granules. Upper eyelid with small spine-like scale above the middle of the eye. Upper surfaces with very small minute granule-like scales, largest on the snout; scales of abdomen imbricate and larger. Tail cylindrical, with verticals of scales and a row of enlarged scutes below. Dirty brown or whitish, upper surfaces with five dark brown bands between the end of the snout and sacrum, the three anteriors often extending almost or quite across neck and chest. A varying number of complete bars on tail. Two longitudinal whitish stripes on the snout.

Upon my collecting trip in 1913 I got two fine large specimens from Cabo Cruz and Mr. C. T. Ramsden gave me a beautifully marked individual from Guantanamo.

Sphaerodactylus elegans REINHARDT & LÜTKEN.

REINHARDT & LÜTKEN, Vid. Meddel. nat. foren Kjobenh. for 1862, 1863, p. 275. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 1, p. 220.

A very small species represented by individuals from San Diego de los Baños Caibarien, Remedios, and Havana, Cuba. These little lizards look very like what might be the young of *S. torrei*, of which species we have no specimens of a similar size. The measurements given by Boulenger for the largest *S. elegans* are much smaller than those which he gives for *S. torrei*. The type of coloration is, however, entirely different, and adults of but little more than an inch long were not uncommon at San Diego de los Baños. This was the only locality where we ourselves met the species, although we often heard elsewhere of the "Salamanquita de la Virgen," as it is called by the people. Recently four examples from Momance, Haiti, have been received from Mr. W. M. Mann.

Sphaerodactylus cinereus COCTEAU.

COCTEAU Sagra's Hist. Cuba. Rept., 1834, p. 166, pl. 17. GRAY, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1845, p. 168. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards, Brit. mus., 1885, 1, p. 220.

The only specimens which I have seen and which agree with this form are from Cienfuegos, Santiago de Cuba and Los Negros in Jiguani, Oriente. Boulenger records it from San Domingo, Martinique, and Caracas, Venezuela. The Martinique specimen, which was received from the Paris museum, probably came from San Domingo, as did many other specimens in the Paris museum which are labeled Martinique. The specimen from Caracas was probably either carried there by mistake, or else belongs to another species. *S. cinereus* is probably confined to Cuba and Haiti. Mr. Mann collected an adult at Momance, Haiti.

Sphaerodactylus nigropunctatus GRAY.

GRAY, Cat. lizards, Brit. mus., 1845, p. 168. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 1, p. 220, pl. 18, fig. 2.

Of this species, the type locality of which was unknown, the Museum has specimens, which Garman has identified, from Santiago de Cuba, collection of Major Wirt Robinson. Recently Mr. C. T. Ramsden has sent a specimen from Guantanamo which seems to be referable to this species. It is, however, almost black in general color with two white dots side by side upon the nuchal region.

***Sphaerodactylus decoratus* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1888, 20, p. 111. BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1904, 46, p. 57. ROSÉN, Lunds univ. arsskrift, 1911, 7, no. 5, p. 27.

The type (M. C. Z., No. 6,220) is from Rum Cay. It is common upon Andros Island and rare on New Providence. Specimens from the last two localities were collected in the Bahamas during the summer of 1904 by Dr. Glover M. Allen, Owen Bryant, and myself.

This species, which in its lepidosis is so very like *S. punctatissimus* Gray and *S. flavicaudus* Barbour, is well marked by its strikingly conspicuous coloration, different from any other species in the section of the genus having the minute granular dorsal scales.

The thought occurs at once that *S. punctatissimus*, *S. flavicaudus*, and *S. decoratus* may in reality be merely color phases within a species which has a lepidosis varying slightly in connection with each coloration. But this fact, and the added one that no intergrades in coloration have ever been found make it seem probable that they are really distinct species. Field observations based upon the hatching of broods of young would settle this point, as we know both young and full grown individuals of most of the forms. The coloration does not seem to change during growth. The young of *S. decoratus* looks extremely like *S. elegans* from Cuba; while the young of *S. cinereus* and *S. flavicaudus* are very alike.

***Sphaerodactylus flavicaudus* BARBOUR.**

BARBOUR Bull. M. C. Z., 1904, 46, p. 56. ROSÉN, Lunds univ. arsskrift, 1911 7, no. 5, p. 27.

The type series of fourteen specimens (M. C. Z., No. 6,953) came from Mangrove Cay, Andros Island. Rosén found it common at Mastie Point on the same island. So far as known it does not occur elsewhere.

This species is very closely related to *S. nigropunctatus* Gray, if our specimens from Santiago really represent Gray's species. The Andros examples may be distinguished by the scales of the back and flanks being more nearly the same size. The coloration is different. Major Robinson's labels state that his specimens were brown, with mustard-colored tails, while all the types of the Andros species were pale cream color in life, with brilliant yellow tails. One of Robinson's specimens shows fine dark dots thickly scattered over the dorsal surfaces. A specimen marked in this way doubtless suggested the name *nigropunctatus* to Gray. Boulenger mentions that the spots have faded, and the type is now brown, with tail and lower surfaces lighter.

Sphaerodactylus alopex COPE.

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1861, p. 499. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **2**, p. 222.
GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, **19**, p. 18.

The types, five specimens which Dr. D. F. Weinland took at Jeremie, Haiti, are the only ones in the Museum (M. C. Z., No. 3,343). They are in excellent preservation.

The species seems somewhat allied to *S. oxyrrhinus* Gosse, of Jamaica, but is apparently confined to Haiti and San Domingo. The specimens of *S. oxyrrhinus* that have been recorded from Haiti probably belong to this species.

Sphaerodactylus oxyrrhinus GOSSE.

GOSSE, Ann. mag. nat. hist., 1850, ser. 2, **6**, p. 347. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **1**, p. 222.
BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, **52**, p. 291.

Known from but few specimens, all from Jamaica. Fischer (Bericht Naturh. mus. Hamburg for 1887, 1888, p. 23) records this species from Haiti; but the specimens should be re-examined. They are very likely *S. alopex* Cope.

Sphaerodactylus dacnicolor BARBOUR.

BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, **52**, p. 292, pl. 1.

The two type specimens (M. C. Z., No. 7,276) are the only ones known belonging to this species. They were from Port Antonio, Jamaica.

Sphaerodactylus argus GOSSE.

GOSSE, Ann. mag. nat. hist., 1850, ser. 2, **6**, p. 347. BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, **52**, p. 292.

The commonest species in Jamaica, where it occurs all over the island. What Gundlach (Erpet. Cubana, 1880, p. 59) called this species, was undoubtedly a peculiar phase of coloration of the young *S. cinereus*. A specimen of this species which I collected near Cienfuegos, and several from Jiguani appear as far as their general type of color pattern is concerned, to be typical *S. argus*. This, however, they certainly are not.

Sphaerodactylus argivus GARMAN.

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1888, **20**, p. 3.

Boulenger, in the Zoological record for 1888, remarked that this was a synonym of *S. argus*, of Jamaica. I have examined the types — eight specimens (M. C. Z., No. 6,223) from Cayman Brac — and I find, upon comparing them with a series of over one hundred Jamaican examples, that they differ so con-

stantly in color that they can not be considered the same as the Jamaican species, which doubtless gave rise to the Cayman Brac form. Yellow, dark-rimmed ocelli are always present in Jamaican examples, sometimes only a very few, quite scattered, and again plentiful in numbers and arranged in regular series. In many individuals these have a tendency to become confluent and to give rise to lines upon head and neck. These do not occur in *S. argivus*, the color of which Garman has adequately described. On the mainland these individuals would be considered as representing geographic races or subspecies, and where their ranges overlapped intergrades would be expected and found. But when the individuals are confined upon islands, no intergrading on account of the geographic discontinuity of their ranges can take place. Under these conditions it is not unreasonable to consider these very similar forms "species." Werner has described *S. argus continentalis* from Honduras, a fact of the greatest zoögeographical interest. Its importance is emphasized by this trinomial designation; yet for the sake of consistency, we would suggest that the species be known as *S. continentalis* Werner (Verh. Zool. bot. gesellsch. Wien., 1896, 46, p. 345).

***Sphaerodactylus notatus* BAIRD.**

BAIRD, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1858, p. 254. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, p. 226. BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1904, 46, p. 57. STEJNEGER, Bahama Islands, 1905, p. 331. ROSÉN, Lunds univ. arsskrift, 1911, 7, no. 5, p. 27.

There are specimens in the Museum from Key West, Florida, where the species was doubtless accidentally introduced; Havana, Cienfuegos, San Diego de los Baños, Jiguani, and Guantanamo, Cuba, Little Abaco, New Providence, and Stranger's Cay, Bahamas. It has also been reported from San Domingo and Great Abaco. The San Domingan specimens are undoubtedly *S. difficilis* Barbour.

***Sphaerodactylus exsul*, sp. nov.**

Type: — No. 7,894, M. C. Z. an adult. Little Swan Island, Caribbean Sea, March, 1912, George Nelson, collector. A fine series of paratypes.

Closely related to *S. notatus* Baird from which it has apparently been derived. Similar to this species in all the general features of its squamation but differing markedly in having slightly smaller and very much more weakly keeled dorsal scales. Its coloration is similar in type but much brighter and more varied. A conspicuous spectacle-like marking with two white spots is often seen on the posterior neck region. I have not observed this in *S. notatus*.

Mr. Nelson says that these little lizards are very abundant in the accumula-

tions of humus and fallen leaves in the cavities and depressions so very common in the sharply eroded aeolian limestone of the island.

***Sphaerodactylus difficilis*, sp. nov.**

A new species, belonging among those having large, strongly keeled, and imbricate scales above, being without granular scales along the vertebral line, and having the breast scales smooth. Thus it is evidently related to *S. notatus* Baird and its allies. Its nearest ally is indeed *S. notatus*; and from this species it may be separated at once by its much greater adult size, longer tail, entirely different type of coloration, and by the somewhat larger dorsal scales, which at first sight recall those of *S. grandisquamis* and *S. macrolepis*. This similarity was so striking that two of the four specimens in hand were labeled by Garman *S. macrolepis*, although they had smooth breast scales, not keeled, and came from Puerto Plata, San Domingo, instead of the Virgin Islands. He identified other similar Haitian specimens as *S. nigropunctatus*.

The typical series consists of four specimens, two collected by Mr. M. A. Frazar, in December 1881, at Puerto Plata, San Domingo; the other two from Santiago de la Vega, San Domingo, caught by Mr. A. H. Verrill in 1908.

Type:—No. 7,834, M. C. Z. Santiago de la Vega, San Domingo. A. Hyatt Verrill, collector.

Snout rather rounded, not conspicuously pointed; distance of eye from tip of snout and ear opening almost equal; rostral moderate, with conspicuous median groove, nostril between rostral, first supralabial, two small postnasals and a larger supranasal, which is separated from its fellow of the other side by two small median scales; three large supralabials, followed by one much smaller (the same on both sides), a prominent supraciliary spine over the middle of the eye; head above and on sides covered with small, elongate, juxtaposed, keeled scales, those on snout enlarged; scales on back large, imbricate, keeled, about 12 to 13, equaling in size the distance from snout to ear; mental large, nearly same size as rostral; two very large infralabials followed by a small one to below centre of eye; two small, squarish chin-shields behind mental, followed by flat smaller scales, which extend all over throat, becoming quite small, but always flat and not granular; larger and smooth on lower neck and chest, scales of abdomen larger, but seldom exceeding in size those of back; limbs with smaller, keeled, imbricate scales; similar on upper surface of tail, but smooth below, and with some widened to form rather irregular transverse plates.

Length of body snout to vent, 28 mm. Length of tail, 31 mm. Total length, 59 mm.

Color, in alcohol, light gray-brown, with many darker spots scattered irregularly over the whole dorsal area; some cover a single scale; others are composed of several dark scales juxtaposed. On the tail the spots average larger than on the body. Below, minutely speckled with dark brown upon a lighter field, throat and upper neck heavily spotted with dark brown marking but little smaller than those of the dorsal area. Under surface of tail much more heavily speckled than belly.

The two Puerto Plata specimens have darker spots merged into lines above and also lighter spots. On the shoulders of one are two enlarged white spots with a black mark between, as often seen in *S. grandisquamis*. In the other, no other such mark is evident; but the three dark lines run forward, one to each eye and one to the nape region. These two specimens also vary slightly from the type and from one another in the size of the dorsal scales. In one they are a little larger than in the type; in the other, slightly smaller; this is the one with the white and black shoulder mark. These two are from Puerto Plata, San Domingo (M. C. Z., No. 5,444). The fourth specimen has a narrow head, more narrow than that of any of the others. At first I thought it represented a distinct species, but artificial distortion due to capture or preservation may be responsible for the difference noted. In its other features it is the same, except that it has smaller dorsal scales, like the second specimen mentioned from Puerto Plata. It resembles this example also somewhat in coloration,—immaculate below; faint longitudinal lines on the back, three passing forward to the eyes and neck; a spectacle-like marking on the shoulders and another faint one on the sacral region (M. C. Z., No. 7,835).

More material is needed before it can be definitely settled whether all these specimens represent one species; but I think they do, and that this species is simply unusually variable in coloration and in the size of the dorsal scales. Almost, if not quite, as great variation in coloration, and that strikingly similar, too, has been described by Stejneger for *S. grandisquamis* of Porto Rico. This new species seems more or less to connect *S. grandisquamis* and its allies with the group to which *S. notatus* is related. It also stands between these groups in geographical position.

Mr. Mann's recent collection contains an example from Grand Riviere, Haiti which I place with this species.

Sphaerodactylus corticolus GARMAN.

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1888, **20**, p. 111. STEJNEGER, The Bahama Islands, 1905, p. 331. ROSÉN, Lunds univ. arsskrift, 1911, **7**, no. 5, p. 27.

The type locality is Rum Cay (Types M. C. Z., No. 6,219). It occurs also on Watlings Island. It has not been reported from any other locality.

Though closely related to both *S. notatus* and *S. argus* with their allies, it is apparently a species easily distinguishable.

Sphaerodactylus goniorhynchus COPE.

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila. for 1894, 1895, p. 440. BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, **52**, p. 291.

I can add nothing to my previous remarks on this species (*loc. cit.*). It is confined to Jamaica. It seems to be very distinct, and has a type of coloration which is quite unique in a genus where there is very remarkable variation along certain more or less definite lines among the different species and individuals within a species.

Sphaerodactylus gilvitorques COPE.

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1861, p. 500. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **1**, p. 227. BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, **52**, p. 291.

The type said by Cope to be in the Museum of the Academy of natural sciences at Philadelphia is from Jamaica, to which island the species is confined.

This lizard is really not uncommon, although, on account of its burrowing habits, it is seldom seen; it has always been rare in collections of Jamaican reptiles. I found many specimens in various parts of the island, in leafy mould under logs and stones, especially while collecting *Peripatus* on the hills about Bath.

Sphaerodactylus copii STEINDACHNER.

STEINDACHNER, Voy. Novara. Rept. 1869, p. 18, pl. 1, fig. 5. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards, Brit. mus., 1885, **1**, p. 225. GÜNTHER, Ann. mag. nat. hist., 1888, ser. 6, **2**, p. 363.

The type specimen was said to have come from South America, with no more definite clue to its origin. It has now been found on Dominica, if Gunther's identification is correct, and this may be the true type locality; at any rate, it does not seem to have been reported definitely from anywhere else.

Sphaerodactylus microlepis REINHARDT & LÜTKEN.

REINHARDT & LÜTKEN, Vid. Meddel. nat. foren Kjobenh. for 1862, 1863, p. 278. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **1**, p. 224. BOULENGER, Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1891, p. 351.

Boulenger points out how this species differs from its ally, *S. copii*. He remarks that it is one of the most widely distributed West Indian member of the

genus. Individuals that he considers to belong here have been collected on St. Lucia, St. Croix, and Dominica. I do not know the species from autopsy.

Sphaerodactylus pictus GARMAN.

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, **19**, p. 20.

This species, which to judge by descriptions is well worthy of being considered separate from its Lesser Antillean neighbours, *S. fantasticus*, *S. copii*, *S. vincenti*, and *S. microlepis*, is represented in the collection by the types only (M. C. Z., No. 6,071), of which there are four, from the island of St. Kitts or St. Christopher.

Sphaerodactylus vincenti BOULENGER.

BOULENGER, Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1891, p. 354.

No specimens of this apparently perfectly valid species have come under my observation. So far as known it is confined to St. Vincent.

Sphaerodactylus melanospilus BOCOURT.

BOCOURT, Miss. sci. Mex. Reptil., 1873, p. 44.

This species, the type locality of which is St. Lucia, is not represented in the collection.

Sphaerodactylus richardsonii GRAY.

GRAY, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1845, p. 168. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **1**, p. 227, pl. 18, fig. 6. BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, **52**, p. 290.

This, the finest and most conspicuous member of the genus, is confined to Jamaica, where it seems to be very rare. Gosse (Naturalists' sojourn in Jamaica, 1851, p. 254) met with only a single example, that near Montego Bay in the western part of the island; while those taken by the writer were caught near Kingston. They came from the palm-leaf thatch of old roofs. During the winter of 1911-1912 Dr. H. L. Clark of the Museum staff found it again at Montego Bay.

Sphaerodactylus picturatus GARMAN.

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, **19**, p. 19.

This species, which is very closely related to *S. anthracinus* Cope, of Mexico, is represented in the Museum by the type series, comprising three specimens (M. C. Z., No. 3,342) from western Haiti, collected by Dr. D. F. Weinland.

A comparison of these examples with Boulenger's description (Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **1**, p. 225) of what he calls *S. anthracinus* Cope, based on a specimen from San Domingo, shows that they are beyond doubt identical. Turning, however, to Cope's original description (Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila.,

1861, p. 500), we note that he expressly states that his *S. anthracinus* from Mexico has four upper labials and five lower, "two large and three small." The Haitian examples, both ours and Boulenger's, have four above and below. This character also seems to be one which is very stable in this genus.

The color described by Boulenger agrees quite well with that of our types in its important features of head lines, and spots on back limbs and tail. But Cope says, "Color black, the large dorsal scales tinged with blue." This coloration which is unique among Sphaerodactyli is coupled with the different number of labials mentioned in Cope's very inadequate description, and the fact that the type came from Mexico, while *S. picturatus* comes from Haiti, a province not closely related zoögeographically with Mexico, should afford sufficient reason for keeping the two species distinct, and for concluding that *S. anthracinus* is confined to Mexico.

Since the above was written, I have found a single specimen, also from Haiti, which Garman has identified with his species, and which I believe also is absolutely typical in squamation. It is uniform steely gray in color, and shows that Haitian specimens have a distinct dichromatism. Cope's *S. anthracinus* may really have come from Haiti, and it may have been inaccurately described by him. If, then, the species is not to be found in Mexico, and is really the same in the matter of the labials, Cope's name has precedence, and this species must be known as *S. anthracinus*.

This species is, moreover, very closely related to *S. grandisquamis* Stejneger, from Porto Rico. It may be distinguished by the more elongate and flatter snout, and by the slightly larger dorsal scales.

Recently a Sphaerodactylus, which, as far as one may decide from a single specimen, belongs to this species, has been received in exchange from the American museum of natural history in New York. It was collected in the Sierra de Jalibonico in Cuba. Similar individuals were called by Gundlach (Erpet. Cubana, 1880, p. 61) *S. fantasticus*. I have seen specimens identified by him in the "Museo Gundlach" of the Instituto de Segunda Enseñanza, in Havana. While still more recently several enormous examples have been collected by Mr. W. M. Mann at Diquini, Haiti.

Sphaerodactylus asper GARMAN.

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1888, 20, p. 113. ROSÉN, Lunds univ. arsskrift, 1911, 7, no. 5, p. 27.

The types, two specimens from Middle Bight, Andros Island, Bahamas (M. C. Z., No. 6,222) are the only specimens in the collection. Neither Rosén,

nor Bryant, who collected in 1904 in northern Andros and about Mangrove Cay, found this species. It is large and conspicuous among *Sphaerodactyli*.

Garman suggests that this species may be related to his *S. picturatus*. It is indeed very closely related, differing only in having five labials above and below, and in not having the median head scales enlarged as they are in *S. picturatus*.

***Sphaerodactylus grandisquamis* STEJNEGER.**

STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 602, fig. 51-52.

This species, which had hitherto been confounded with *S. macrolepis* Günther, the type locality of which was St. Thomas, has been shown by Stejneger to be perfectly distinct, yet to have close affinity with Günther's species. Stejneger's species may easily be separated by its much larger dorsal scales. In its distribution it is confined to Porto Rico and Vieques.

***Sphaerodactylus monensis* MEERWARTH.**

MEERWARTH, Mitth. Naturh. mus. Hamburg, 1901, 18, p. 20. STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 607.

A species related to *S. macrolepis* Günther and *S. grandisquamis* Stejneger, and confined to Mona Island.

***Sphaerodactylus macrolepis* REINHARDT & LÜTKEN.**

REINHARDT & LÜTKEN, Vid. meddel. nat. foren Kjobenh. for 1862, 1863, p. 174, 279.

Originally described from St. Croix, St. Thomas, and Vieques, it was afterward confused with *S. grandisquamis* Stejneger. It is, so far as known, confined to St. Croix and St. Thomas, since Stejneger found that Vieques individuals belong with his Porto Rican species. The Museum has it from St. Thomas only.

***Sphaerodactylus sputator* (SPARRMAN).**

SPARRMAN, K. vet. akad. Handl., 1784, 5, p. 164, pl. 4, fig. 1.

Sphaerodactylus fantasticus DUMÉRIl et BIBRON, Erpét. gén., 1836, 3, p. 406, pl. 32, fig. 2. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 1, p. 223.

As I said when describing *S. torrei*, the name *S. sputator* (Sparrman) must be applied to a Lesser Antillean species. Boulenger's only Antillean specimen that could belong with this species came from the island of Antigua. Its occurrence which he reports in Mexico and Venezuela would be completely out of accord with everything known regarding the distribution of the many species of this genus. Yet Reinhardt and Lütken (Vid. Middel. nat. foren. Kjobenh. for 1862, 1863, p. 277) record it from Haiti as well as from Venezuela. Individuals of *Sphaerodactylus*, like other gekkoids, may be carried about accidentally. The type locality was St. Eustatius for *S. sputator* and Martinique for *S. fantasticus*,

and very probably the species are each confined to a single island. Boulenger's example from Antigua needs comparison with a topotype before its identification can really be considered settled.

***Chamaeleolis chamaeleontides* (DUMÉRIL et BIBRON).**

DUMÉRIL et BIBRON, *Erpét. gén.*, 1837, 4, p. 168. BOULENGER, *Cat. lizards Brit. mus.*, 1885, 2, p. 7.

This species, which in many respects is the most remarkable development within the fauna of the whole West Indian area, is found only upon Cuba. It is far from common; and attempts to secure it usually bring in specimens of *Anolis equestris*, a species which is not dissimilar in general form. Dr. de la Torre told me that the only specimens he had ever seen were those collected by Gundlach. The latter unfortunately gives little information as to its occurrence, saying only, "Esta especie es rara y la he encontrado solamente en bosques." This was one of the species which we were most anxious to secure, and this year after many ineffectual searches we secured four specimens, three from the forests of the Sierra Maestra in the Jurisdiction of Jiguani and one from La Maya also in Oriente which was kindly given me by Mr. C. T. Ramsden. The Museum has also received a specimen in exchange from the U. S. national museum taken at Santiago de los Vegas by Messrs. Palmer and Riley. Still more recently a specimen from near the Rio Hanabana collected by Don Francisco Morales and received through Dr. de la Torre permit me to make careful comparison between specimens from the east and west sections of the island. They appear to be the same. Cope's *C. porcus* very probably came from Wright's collection made near Guantanamo, although it was without locality. It is apparently a synonym of this species pure and simple.

This species is frequently mentioned under the name *Chamaeleolis fernandina* Cocteau, in Sagra's *Hist. Cuba, Rept.* (French ed.) 1843, p. 145, pl. 15. Both Mr. Garman's copy and my own of Cocteau and Bibron are the French edition, and not having the Spanish edition available, I wrote to Dr. Stejneger for any notes he might furnish me from his copy. With his usual kindness he wrote as follows:—"I regret to say that the information which I have relative to the dates of Sagra's *Histoire*, etc. is very fragmentary, as yet The work appeared in two editions, Spanish and French, but the Spanish apparently slightly ahead of the French. Both were issued in parts. Parts 1 and 2 of the Spanish edition were published in 1838 and contained the text by Cocteau up to the genus *Typhlops*. Turtles and lizards therefore date from 1838. Then Cocteau died and Bibron wrote the snakes and the rest. The snakes appeared in 1840, of the

French edition I know less, only that pls. 4 and 18 were published in 1838.— Therefore *Chamaeleolis* Cocteau 1838; *Anolis chamaeleoides* Dum. & Bibr. 1837; *Chamaeleolis fernandina* Cocteau 1838."

***Xiphocercus valenciennesii* (DUMÉRIL et BIBRON).**

DUMÉRIL et BIBRON, *Erpét. gén.*, 1837, **4**, p. 131. BOULENGER, *Cat. lizards Brit. mus.*, 1885, **2**, p. 9.
BARBOUR, *Bull. M. C. Z.*, 1910, **52**, p. 293.

This conspicuous lizard is uncommon upon Jamaica, the only island where it occurs. The genus is not represented elsewhere in the West Indies. The only other species known occurs about Bogotá, in Columbia. It also is very rare in collections, so that I have not been able to assure myself as to their really belonging to one genus. Such a discontinuous distribution can only mean that the genus is a very old one, which once ranged through Central America and to Jamaica while the latter was joined to that area, and that it has died out everywhere except about Bogotá and in Jamaica; or it may be that these similar species have come to look alike by some process of convergent evolution, and that they have no actual relationship with one another. Central America may not have extended to Columbia while it was still one with Jamaica. There would seem to be no special reason why such a genus should die out in Central America; and yet among birds *Sycalis jamaicae* Sharpe is confined to Jamaica, and except for a closely circumscribed species peculiar to western Mexico, all the other members of the genus occur in South America from Columbia southward.

***Anolis equestris* MERREM.**

MERREM, *Syst. Amphib.*, 1820, p. 45. BOULENGER, *Cat. lizards, Brit. mus.*, 1885, **2**, p. 21.

The largest and most conspicuous member of the genus. It occurs only in Cuba, although it has been recorded from Jamaica. Within the island, its range is general, since in the Museum there are specimens from Havana and Santiago de Cuba, as well as from other localities. The specimens which Garman recorded from Bahia (*Bull. Essex inst.*, 1887, **19**, p. 27) came, of course, from Bahia Honda, Cuba, not Bahia, Brazil. This is not made at all clear in the context, where he suggests that it may represent another species.

Upon my trip to Cuba in 1912 I made special search for this lizard, which I found far from common. I shot a half grown individual in a tree in the mountains near San Diego de los Baños, procured a fine adult, living, from a tree in the lowlands near Herradura, and saw two, only one of which was caught by the aid of Dr. J. L. Bremer, near Madruga. No other specimens were observed,

although it is known everywhere to the people as "Camaleon verde." On my trip in 1913 I found it rarely about Guantanamo and in the Sierra Maestra, but as we were forced to be sparing of alcohol no examples were preserved.

***Anolis garmani* STEJNEGER.**

STEJNEGER, Amer. nat., 1899, **33**, p. 602. BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, **52**, p. 294.

A strictly arboreal species, corresponding to the *A. ricordii* of Haiti, *A. cuvieri* of Porto Rico, and *A. equestris* of Cuba. It is quite widely distributed through the wooded regions of Jamaica.

***Anolis ricordii* DUMÉRIL et BIBRON.**

DUMÉRIL et BIBRON, Erpét. gén., 1837, **4**, p. 167. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **2**, p. 22.

This, the giant *Anolis* which is confined to San Domingo, was said by Duméril and Bibron to be quite common. They had but one specimen, sent to the Paris museum by Alexander Ricord, whose notes they undoubtedly quoted. As a matter of fact, the species is a rare one in collections, and is probably also uncommon in a wild state, as are its close relatives on the other Greater Antilles. Mann's Haitian collection contains two from Diquini. Other specimens in the Museum are from Santiago in San Domingo, collected by Mr. A. Hyatt Verrill.

***Anolis cuvieri* MERREM.**

MERREM, Syst. Amphib., 1820, p. 45. STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 627, fig. 81-84, 87.

Stejneger has shown that this lizard is confined to Porto Rico, Vieques, and Tortola and that the early history as to its identity and habitat was obscure and confused.

***Anolis gundlachi* PETERS.**

PETERS, Monatsb. Akad. wiss. Berlin, 1876, p. 705. STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 633, fig. 89-91.

Stejneger says that this species seems to be "confined to the coffee belt and the high mountain tops above it" in the island of Porto Rico.

***Anolis monensis* STEJNEGER.**

STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 646, fig. 98-101.

Related to *A. gundlachi* and *A. cristatellus*, and confined to Mona Island.

Anolis cristatellus DUMÉRIL et BIBRON.

DUMÉRIL et BIBRON, *Erpét. gén.*, 1837, 4, p. 143. STEJNEGER, *Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904*, p. 638, fig. 92-94.

Anolis scriptus GARMAN, *Bull. Essex inst.*, 1887, 19, p. 23.

This *Anolis* is widely distributed, and extremely abundant where it occurs. There are several hundred specimens in the collection from Haiti, Porto Rico, St. Thomas, and Morant Island of the Virgin group. A comparison of this great series with the types of Garman's *A. scriptus* shows them to be identical. The original description of this species concluded with the sentence "Readily distinguished from *A. cristatellus*, which it closely resembles, by the greater size of the two vertebral rows." I can not see, however, that these are at all enlarged; and there is no other character in which they vary from true *A. cristatellus*. They are simply specimens of this species for which the locality label got in some way confused. They were said to have been collected by Louis Agassiz on Silver and Lena Keys, Florida. I can not learn of the location of these keys; and the lizards doubtless came from Porto Rico or St. Thomas, where the species is excessively common. I doubt the correctness of the locality label on the Haitian specimens, as I do those on the Haitian specimens of *A. pulchellus* and *A. stratulus*. Meerwarth, however, records specimens from the same island (*Mitth. Naturh. mus. Hamburg*, 1901, 18, p. 21).

Anolis stratulus COPE.

COPE, *Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila.*, 1861, p. 209. STEJNEGER, *Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904*, p. 651, fig. 105-107.

This species is a distinct and handsomely marked one from St. Thomas, Tortola, Just van Dyke, Vieques, and Porto Rico. The Museum, besides having specimens from the last mentioned island and St. Thomas, has a couple which are said to have come from Port au Prince, Haiti. Stejneger remarks that it is desirable that this locality record be verified. For my part, I think this is simply a result of a mixing of labels such as has also occurred in the case of *Anolis pulchellus*, which is credited to Port au Prince also, doubtless incorrectly. and in the case of *A. cristatellus*, which has been described as *A. scriptus* from the Florida Keys.

Anolis homolechis (COPE).

COPE, *Proc. acad. nat. sci. Phila.*, 1864, p. 169. BOULENGER, *Cat. lizards, Brit. mus.*, 1885, 2, p. 28.

This widely distributed but quite uncommon woodland species may easily be distinguished from every other *Anolis* on Cuba by its ivory-white dewlap.

We found it at Soledad, near Cienfuegos and in the forest about Madruga, south of Matanzas. We also have it from Matanzas itself collected in 1912 by V. J. Rodriguez and brought to the Museum by Dr. C. de la Torre. It is also not rare in the heavy forests of the foothills of the Sierra Maestra and in 1913 we found it in the woods near Pozo Prieto, back of Los Negros, Jurisdiction of Jiguani, and also at Cabo Cruz. It is confined to Cuba.

***Anolis gingivinus* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1864, p. 170. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 28, pl. 2, fig. 1.

Anolis virgatus GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, 19, p. 41.

Boulenger, in the Zoological record for 1887, was the first to place Garman's species from St. Bartholomew in the synonymy of Cope's species from Anguilla. This I can confirm definitely, as I have compared a topotype from Anguilla (M. C. Z., No. 6,157) with the type series of thirty-five specimens which F. Lagois collected on St. Bartholomew and described by Garman (M. C. Z., No. 6,165). A comparison of the text of Cope's and Garman's descriptions, or of Boulenger's description of Cope's species, will show that they are all obviously describing the same form. It is strange that Garman should not have noticed this, since he had this same Anguilla specimen for comparison, but separated by many pages in his list from the description of *A. virgatus*. In the jar with Garman's types I find a label which identifies them with Daudin's *Anolis lineatus*. According to Boulenger this species has keeled ventral scales, which *A. gingivinus* has not. Another label suggests that this species may be *A. alliaceus* Cope, also from "Anguilla Rock near Trinidad." Cope, however, described that species from specimens having no locality, and Gunther places *A. alliaceus* as identical with specimens from Dominica.

In 1869, Cope (Proc. Amer. phil. soc., 11, p. 159) recorded this species from the island of St. Martins.

In 1871 Cope noticed it from St. Eustatius, saying also, "This species was described by me from specimens in the British Museum said to be from 'Anguilla Rock, near Trinidad.' It appears from Dr. van Rijgerma's investigations, (Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1871, p. 220) that the island of Anguilla, far north of Trinidad, was meant."

***Anolis alliaceus* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1864, p. 175. GÜNTHER, Ann. mag. nat. hist., 1888, ser. 6, 2, p. 363.

This species was first described from specimens without any data as to locality. Günther declares that specimens from Dominica are indistinguishable

from the type, so that *Anolis oculatus* Cope is a straight synonym of this species. The only unfortunate feature of Günther's notice is the fact that he claims Garman's *A. lividus*, from Montserrat, and *A. sabanus*, from Saba, are the same as Cope's *A. alliaceus*. This is not the case; and such a statement makes one doubt whether the identification of *A. oculatus* and *A. alliaceus* may not perhaps be equally faulty. The descriptions, however, encourage the belief that this settlement of the status of the Dominican lizard may be correct.

***Anolis asper* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, **19**, p. 31.

In regard to this and other species, the validity of which has been doubted by Boulenger in the Zoological record for 1887, I can only say that the types agree with Garman's descriptions; and a careful reading of these will in every case, I think, point out the characters by which the species may be distinguished *inter se*. This species was included with *A. nubilus*, *A. sabanus*, *A. speciosus*, and *A. lividus*, in what Boulenger called *A. leachii* (Zool. rec. Rept., 1887). Günther split this species in 1888, and retained *A. lividus* and *A. sabanus* in what he called *A. alliaceus*. Both of these courses are incorrect, and an examination of the large typical series of each species show that all of them may easily be distinguished. This species occurs upon Marie Galante, whence came the large series of types (M. C. Z., No. 6,162).

***Anolis speciosus* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, **19**, p. 42.

This species also occurs on Marie Galante, and is easily distinguishable from the other species on that island (*A. asper*) by the characters given in Garman's original description (M. C. Z., No. 6,172).

***Anolis lividus* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, **19**, p. 43.

A distinct species from Montserrat, represented in the collection by almost fifty specimens, the types (M. C. Z., No. 6,176, 6,177).

***Anolis sabanus* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, **19**, p. 39.

This striking species, with a bold and entirely unique type of coloration, is found upon the Dutch Island of Saba, whence the types were sent to the Museum by F. Lagois (M. C. Z., No. 6,161).

Anolis nubilus GARMAN.

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, **19**, p. 32.

A distinct species, so far known only from the island of Redonda, where Richardson captured the types (M. C. Z., No. 6,181).

Anolis leachii DUMÉRIL et BIBRON.

DUMÉRIL et BIBRON, Erpét. gén., 1837, **4**, p. 152. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **2**, p. 29 (part).

Duméril and Bibron did not know whence came the type of this species, except that it was from the Antilles. The identity of this species with *Anolis ferreus* Cope, from Guadeloupe, fixes its locality. Boulenger's concept of this species embraced individuals from Guadeloupe, Dominica, Nevis, and he stated that the lizards from St. Eustatius were the same. Günther recognizes the distinctness of the Dominica specimens as *A. alliaceus* Cope (*q. v.*); and unfortunately no material is available here from the other islands, so that the status of Nevis and St. Eustatius specimens must remain in doubt. Boulenger has also recorded the species from Antigua, but specimens from this island should also be compared with those from Guadeloupe (Ann. mag. nat. hist., 1894, ser. 6, **14**, p. 375).

Anolis cepedii MERREM.

MERREM, Syst. Amphib., 1820, p. 44. GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, **19**, p. 34.

Garman identifies an enormous series of specimens from Martinique with this poorly characterized species. There seems, however, to be no reason why this should not be done; and the name thus takes precedence over *A. alligator* Duméril & Bibron, which has been used by Boulenger and many others. This species seems to be confined to Martinique, and is closely related to *A. trinitatis* Reinhardt & Lütken (*q. v.*).

Anolis griseus GARMAN.

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, **19**, p. 36.

Although Boulenger (Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1891, p. 355) has considered this species a synonym of *Anolis richardii* Duméril and Bibron, nevertheless it is safer to consider these species distinct. Boulenger had no topotypes of *A. richardii*, which are said to have come from Tortola; and until such specimens are compared directly with this species from St. Vincent, an opinion as to its validity

carries no weight. Duméril and Bibron's descriptions, while often verbose, generally omit mention of the characters which are now known to be most diagnostic in Anoles. The types of this species from near Kingston, St. Vincent, are M. C. Z., No. 6,184.

***Anolis vincentii* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, **19**, p. 46.

This lizard has by Boulenger been called a variety of "*Anolis alligator*" (Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1891, p. 255); and if it existed on the mainland where the ranges of the forms might overlap such an expression would fit the conditions. But insular faunae remain perfectly isolated; and as no transition zones exist about them, the groups of individuals differentiated upon each island must be considered as species, unless they are absolutely identical with those on another island. The types of this species are M. C. Z., No. 6,178-6,179, and came from St. Vincent.

***Anolis luciae* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, **19**, p. 44.

This species is perfectly distinct, and has been adequately described by Garman. There is no occasion to combine it with *A. extremus* Garman, or with what Boulenger has called *A. alligator* in remarking that these, with *A. gentilis* Garman and *A. cinereus* Garman, were all one species. The peculiar character of the dorsal lepidosis, noted by Garman, serves at once to separate this species from the others. It is known from the island of St. Lucia, whence Garman collected the types (M. C. Z., No. 6,173).

***Anolis extremus* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, **19**, p. 35.

I can not agree with Boulenger (Zool. rec. Rept. for 1887) in considering this species a synonym of what he calls *Anolis alligator* Duméril & Bibron. Nor can I agree with Garman in considering it a variety of *A. cepedii* Merrem, which is the name he prefers for *A. alligator*. A comparison of the types (M. C. Z., No. 6,183) with Garman's original description and with the other species leads me to the conclusion that the description is perfectly accurate, and shows well how different this species is from its relatives. This form is found upon Barbados.

Anolis marmoratus DUMÉRIL et BIBRON.

DUMÉRIL et BIBRON, *Erpét. gén.*, 1837, **4**, p. 139.

Having no Guadeloupe specimens, I am unable to test the question of the distinctness of this species from *A. leachii*. Boulenger (*Cat. lizards*, Brit. mus., 1885, **2**, p. 31) says:—"I am not able to detect in the description a single character of sufficient importance to justify a separation of this form from *A. leachii*." Since that was written Günther has admitted *A. alliaceus* Cope from Dominica to be different from *A. leachii*; and it would be very strange to find the same lizard upon Guadeloupe and Martinique, and a different one upon Dominica. So that, upon this inferential evidence alone, there is but little doubt as to the validity of the species. Garman has identified a large series from the island of Desirade as belonging here; they should, however, also be compared with specimens from Martinique.

Anolis bimaculatus (SPARRMAN).

SPARRMAN, *K. vet. akad. Handl.*, 1784, **5**, p. 179, pl. 4, fig. 4. GARMAN, *Bull. Essex inst.*, 1887, **19**, p. 29.

With this ancient and much disputed species Garman has identified specimens from St. Kitts and Nevis. This seems an excellent solution of the question. There can be no doubt of the distinctness of lizards of these islands from those of Guadeloupe (*A. leachii*) and Dominica (*A. alliaceus*) with which this species was associated by Boulenger (*Cat. lizards* Brit. mus., 1885, **2**, p. 29), who included it in part with what he called *Anolis alligator*, another composite species. In a recent letter, Dr. Stejneger calls my attention to what Andersson has to say regarding this species (*Bihang. Svensk vet.-akad. Handl.*, 1900, **26**, 4, 1, p. 27). He has the types from St. Eustatius in hand, and believes that the name should replace *A. leachii*; but the species are better kept apart until examples from Guadeloupe can be compared with others from these three islands.

Anolis richardii DUMÉRIL et BIBRON.

DUMÉRIL et BIBRON, *Erpét. gén.*, 1837, **4**, p. 141. BOULENGER, *Cat. lizards* Brit. mus., 1885, **2**, p. 37.

In spite of the direct statement of O'Shaughnessy (*Ann. mag. nat. hist.*, 1875, ser. 4, **15**, p. 275), that Gray's *A. occipitalis* and *A. stenodactylus* belong to this species, which Duméril and Bibron described from the island of Tortola, we can but emphasize the enormous discrepancies between the descriptions of all these species. Boulenger has followed O'Shaughnessy; but by examining the list of specimens in the British museum given by Boulenger, it may be observed that

no topotypes were available for comparison. So that these opinions as to the status of Gray's species carry no weight whatever, since with Anoles such matters can be settled only by the comparison of well authenticated material from a definite locality. Unfortunately the case was complicated by the fact that Gray's *A. occipitalis* had no definite data regarding origin; and his type of *A. stenodactylus* was said to come from Jamaica, where the species does not occur. Until these types can be critically compared with Tortola specimens, their status must remain unsettled.

***Anolis trossulus* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, **19**, p. 14.

This lizard, which Garman found abundant in Grenada in 1887 is still by far the most abundant reptile on the island; and Dr. Allen obtained a very large series, and brought back as well living examples, two of which successfully passed through a New England winter at ordinary room temperature. They feed voraciously on flies and meal worms, and make most interesting pets. The following are Allen's field notes regarding the color of the gular appendage in wild living examples:—

“Gular sac dark brown on anterior edge, and on the anterior part of the scale rows; posterior ventral edge paler brown; scale-rows on posterior half, or two-thirds of the sides of the sac, are pale greenish yellow, the skin between the rows pale tea-color.”

Allen records many wild specimens as being “nearly blackish above with greenish mottlings; below chin green, angles of jaw white with black mottlings, belly green; inside of legs green.” In our living specimens here in captivity, the most common condition is a uniform or slightly mottled or clouded rich brown above, on each side a lateral band of light green. The belly is light green, limbs barred or mottled with green and brown. This color may change under excitement to uniform brownish or greenish, or to a condition where dark cross-bars are present on the dorsum. A short, very light green stripe near the axilla, and white lines on the lips, are frequently present. The green lateral band is seldom lost, and that only under conditions of the greatest fright or excitement. The color phases appear to be very clearly controlled by the emotions, as is common with other color-changing reptiles. While this is not the sole factor underlying metachrosis, it is certainly far more important than many experimentalists are wont to believe. I know of no field observer of living lizards who has not been impressed this same way.

The types of this species are M. C. Z., No. 6,181.

***Anolis trinitatis* REINHARDT & LÜTKEN.**

REINHARDT & LÜTKEN, Vid. Meddel. nat. foren Kjöbenh. for 1862, 1863, p. 269.

Anolis gentilis GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, **49**, p. 34.

Anolis cinereus GARMAN, loc. cit., p. 35.

The latter synonymous form was described as a subspecies, and was founded by Garman upon color differences, which he states were evident in comparison with specimens of *A. trinitatis* Reinhardt & Lütken. The color was said to be "intermediate between that of the light-grayish varieties, from Trinidad and Petit Martinique [*A. gentilis*] and the brownish from Barbadoes," [*A. extremus*]. It is described as being "olive or bluish; the legs show more of the lilac color." According to Allen's careful and extensive field notes, made from the living specimens, they are described as being invariably light grayish in life, and as being found entirely confined to the shore formation of vegetation. They are almost always found on the bark of the cocoloba and manchioneel trees; indeed, Allen found them nowhere else, and never took one in the interior of the island. Allen reports that the belly is grayish in life, the upper side often spotted, and the gular appendage pale gray, or perhaps better, greenish gray. He was requested especially to investigate this latter character, as the pouch color is a very valuable diagnostic feature. Until comparison can be made directly with the allied forms in their living state, it is impossible to separate specimens from Trinidad, Grenada, and Petit Martinique.

Boulenger (Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **2**, p. 31) considers *A. trinitatis* a synonym of *A. alligator* so-called. A comparison of numbers of specimens from Trinidad and Martinique shows that this is not justified, and the species should stand alone as quite distinct from *A. extremus* from Barbados, on the one hand, and from *A. cepedii* from Martinique, on the other. On zoögeographical grounds this course is reasonable, since the fauna of Trinidad, Grenada, and the Grenadines is more homogeneous than is the fauna of Grenada and Barbados, or Grenada and St. Lucia or Martinique.

***Anolis grahamii* GRAY.**

GRAY, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1845, p. 247. BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, **52**, p. 296.

A Jamaican lizard easily confused with the following, but perfectly distinct. It occurs only in eastern Jamaica, so far as my collecting shows. The specimens which I recorded having taken at Mandeville were really from Mooretown.

Anolis opalinus GOSSE.

GOSSE, Ann. mag. nat. hist., 1850, ser. 2, 6, p. 345. BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, 52, p. 296.

A rare Jamaican species now. It is confined to the western part of the island, where Gosse reported it as common; but as this region is not very densely populated, the mongoose has made greater ravages here than elsewhere among the lizards. Near villages the mongoose is often hunted and killed as a pest, and near these villages the lizards persist most abundantly.

Anolis iodurus GOSSE.

GOSSE, Ann. mag. nat. hist., 1850, ser. 2, 6, p. 344. BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, 52, p. 295.

A species which has been confused with *A. grahamii* Gray. It is quite widespread, but nowhere very common in Jamaica.

Cope (Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1861, p. 210) says:—"the ventral plates of this species are usually smooth; they are sometimes carinate. Specimens exhibiting the latter structure have been described by Dr. Hallowell as *A. punctatissimus*." It is thus evident that Cope confused *A. iodurus* Gosse, with smooth ventrals, and *A. grahamii* Gray, with keeled ventrals, as so many herpetologists have. I have noted the distinctness of both these species and *A. opalinus* in my Notes on the herpetology of Jamaica (Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, 52, p. 295).

Anolis conspersus GARMAN.

GARMAN, Proc. Amer. philos. soc., 1887, p. 273.

Garman, in describing this species, compared it with the Jamaican *A. grahamii*. This is not apropos; the species need comparison only with *A. iodurus*, since it has perfectly smooth ventrals. Boulenger (Zoöl. rec. Rept. for 1887, p. 10) says that this species is the same as *A. grahamii*, which is doubly incorrect. The species is a distinct and easily recognizable one. The extremely sharp, knife-like canthal ridge, and the very small occipital shield, as well as other characters, distinguish this species at once from its Jamaican ally, *A. iodurus*. It is confined to Grand Cayman Island, whence we have a type series of eighty-seven examples (M. C. Z., No. 6,021).

Anolis distichus COPE.

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila, 1861, p. 208. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 33.

This species comes from New Providence, Great Abaco, and Cat Island in the Bahamas; and, according to Boulenger, is the same as the *A. dominicensis*

of Reinhardt & Lütken. I have compared specimens from the Bahaman Islands with Cope's type (M. C. Z. No. 3,346), from Jeremie, Haiti, and find that they differ very slightly. In Bahaman specimens the canthus is not so steep and sharply angled, nor is the internasal region quite so prominent. They are, except for these trifling differences, which are only evident in the average, and which are subject to individual variation, absolutely alike. If we knew the color in life of the dewlap of Haitian specimens, we might,— I may almost say we should,— find it different from Bahaman. Rosén has separated the Andros Island individuals largely on this excellent character.

***Anolis distichoides* ROSÉN.**

ROSÉN, Lunds univ. arsskrift, 1911, **7**, no. 5, p. 29, fig. 12, a-d.

A species very closely allied to *A. distichus* Cope, and confined to Andros Island. In life it has a gular appendage, yellowish red in color instead of light yellow. There are other small and apparently variable differences in squamation.

***Anolis cybotes* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 177. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **2**, p. 34, pl. 1, fig. 5.

This species was among the many from Haiti which the indefatigable Weinland collected at Jeremie, and of which the types are in the Museum (M. C. Z., No. 3,619). Other specimens have come to hand from Samaná, San Domingo, so that the species evidently has a wide range over the island. Mr. Mann also collected many at Diquini, Haiti.

***Anolis haetianus* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1888, **20**, p. 42.

The types of this species (M. C. Z., No. 6,191), which are three in number, certainly differ from specimens of *A. cybotes* Cope in having keeled ventral scales. The other differences of which Garman speaks are well marked. There is another important character, however, which he overlooked, and that is that the size of the plate-like scales on the frontal region are much larger in this species than in *A. cybotes*.

Known from Haiti only.

***Anolis citrinellus* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1864, p. 170, pl. 1, fig. 3. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **2**, p. 35.

A beautiful little species, confined to Haiti. The specimens in the Museum are from the vicinity of Port au Prince (M. C. Z., No. 1,326).

Anolis poncensis STEJNEGER.

STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 665, fig. 117-120.

A species closely circumscribed by the bounds of a small area near the city of Ponce, Porto Rico.

Anolis evermanni STEJNEGER.

STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 647, fig. 102-104.

Confined to the same regions in Porto Rico as *A. gundlachi*.

Anolis krugi PETERS.

PETERS, Monatsb. Akad. wiss. Berlin, 1876, p. 707.

Known only from Porto Rico, closely related to *A. poncensis* and *A. pulchellus*.

Anolis acutus HALLOWELL.

HALLOWELL, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1856, p. 228. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 36.

A species not very distantly related to *Anolis krugi* of Porto Rico, but confined to St. Croix in the Virgin group.

Anolis isolepis COPE.

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1861, p. 214. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 46.

A very rare Cuban species. In the collection here there is an excellently preserved adult which was received from the American museum of natural history by exchange. It was collected by Mr. Barnum Brown, probably in the Sierra de Jatibonico, Cuba. More recently during February, 1913, we procured a specimen in the heavy forest which lies beyond Los Negros in the Sierra Maestra, Jurisdiction of Jiguani. Since then I have examined a specimen taken by Mr. C. T. Ramsden near Guantanamo; he kindly informs me that the color of the dewlap in life is "apricot yellow."

Anolis lucius DUMÉRIL et BIBRON.

DUMÉRIL et BIBRON, Erpét. gén., 1837, 4, p. 105. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 45 (part).

This species both Dr. Stejneger and myself believed to be distinct from the following on the basis of Cocteau's beautiful plate in Sagra's work, compared with Cope's description and specimens referred to *A. argenteolus* from the

Province of Oriente, Cuba. Now a comparison can be made of specimens taken by us at Madruga, in the province of Matanzas, and at Matanzas itself, and others taken by Dr. de la Torre at Matanzas and still others taken in central Cuba by Messrs. F. M. Chapman and Barnum Brown of the American museum in New York. These examples show that the species *A. lucius* is found in central Cuba, viz., at Matanzas, Sierra de Jalibonico, Sancti Spiritus, Trinidad and Madruga, and is very distinct from *A. argenteolus*, the type of which came from Monte Verde, near Guantanamo in eastern Cuba. A notice of the distinctive character is given under the discussion of the next species.

***Anolis argenteolus* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1861, p. 213.

There are specimens of this species in the collection from about the city of Santiago de Cuba, collected by Major Wirt Robinson and by myself in 1908. In 1913 we found that this species has a wide distribution in eastern Cuba, and collected it in Cabo Cruz, Los Negros in Jiguani, Bueycito near Bayamo, and from Monte Libano near Guantanamo.

It may be distinguished at once from specimens of, or from Cocteau's figure of, *A. lucius* by its coloration and form. It is a much more slender species, having a very narrow head almost twice as long (from tympanic orifice to snout) as broad, whereas *A. lucius* has a head barely once and a half times as long as broad. In the former species the head, and especially the snout, is very depressed, almost spatulate; this is not the case with *A. lucius*, in which the profile line from top of head to tip of snout is simply a gently inclined plane surface. The color of *A. argenteolus* is a more or less uniform ashy gray, with mottlings of slightly darker gray. The dewlap is greenish white, the throat being pure white in the male, and mottled with darker in the female. *A. lucius* is conspicuously banded on the back with generally five distinct dark gray bars across an ashy gray field. A broad white band is always present encircling the entire head. This is very evident in life and passes along the lips and around the back of the neck. There is a white spot invariably present on the occipital region, which is not found in *A. argenteolus*. The two species are so different in habit and coloration as to perfectly easily distinguish them from a considerable distance when they are observed in a wild state.

It is a noteworthy fact that this and the preceding species are entirely confined to cliffs of limestone rock. They are sometimes found upon trees growing on or near the "paredones" but far more often upon the rock itself.

Both this species and *A. lucius* are confined to the island of Cuba, one being confined to the central region and the other replacing it in the eastern province of Oriente.

***Anolis wattsii* BOULENGER.**

BOULENGER, Ann. mag. nat. hist., 1894, ser. 6, **14**, p. 375.

This distinct and interesting species is known from the island of Antigua only. Boulenger notes its very close relationship to *Anolis krugi* of Porto Rico.

***Anolis lineatopus* GRAY.**

GRAY, Ann. mag. nat. hist., 1840, **5**, p. 113. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **2**, p. 39, pl. 1, figs. 1-2. BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, **52**, p. 294.

A very common species, apparently confined to the hot, rather dry coastal plain region about Kingston and Spanish Town, Jamaica.

***Anolis sagrei* DUMÉRIL et BIBRON.**

DUMÉRIL et BIBRON, Erpét. gén., 1837, **4**, p. 149.

This species, which is so closely allied to the one following, is very common in Cuba, where I have taken it about Havana, Pinar del Rio, Puerto Principe, Matanzas, Guantanamo, Santiago, and in fact at every locality where I have ever collected on the island; and there are specimens in the Museum from other places, showing it to be ubiquitous. It occurs upon Jamaica, whence Stejneger has received specimens, some of which are now in the M. C. Z. I was unable to find it there. Boulenger (Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **2**, p. 40) records it also from Belise and the surrounding region, as well as Caracas. I have seen no individuals from the mainland, but feel very skeptical as to whether any species of *Anolis* has such an improbably discontinuous range.

***Anolis ordinatus* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1864, p. 175.

I follow Dr. Stejneger in considering the Bahaman lizards so closely allied to *A. sagrei* as really being distinct, in spite of the more recent assurance of Rosén that they are not. The difference in dewlap color of which Stejneger speaks is a character which I also have learned in the field to be of very great taxonomic importance. The lizard is recorded from most of the northern Bahamas. M. C. Z., No. 3,424 is said to come from Double Headed Shot Key, Florida. This record is in need of confirmation.

***Anolis nelsoni*, sp. nov.**

Type: — No. 7,892, M. C. Z. an adult male from Swan Islands, Caribbean Sea, March, 1912, George Nelson, collector. A large series of paratypes.

This species belongs with those having in the male a tail strongly compressed especially along its upper edge; ventral scales keeled; supraorbital semicircles separated by one row of scales. Thus its nearest relatives are *A. sagrei* Dum. & Bibr. and *A. lineatopus* Gray. It is more similar to the former than to the latter species.

It is so conspicuously different from both species that it is only necessary to point out the distinguishing characters. It differs from *A. lineatopus* Gray in having a slightly more pointed snout; in having all the scales of the head and snout much larger. The frontal ridges enclose but two or three instead of three, four or even five series of small scales. The ridges themselves consist of but three much elongated scales instead of five — six much less prominent scales. The scales of the whole snout region are much larger and more strongly keeled than in the Jamaican species. The dorsal scales are similar in size and character. The ventrals of *A. nelsoni* are keeled and have the keels forming continuous ridges as in *A. sagrei*. The nuchal and dorsal fold as well as the crest of the tail is much more strongly developed in the Swan Island species than in either of its relatives. From *A. sagrei* it may be distinguished at once by its dewlap color, deep olive-gray instead of flaming orange almost pink. The ventrals are also smaller and less strongly keeled. The head scales are similar in arrangement but larger and much more strongly keeled. The dorsal scales are not feebly keeled and while very small are nevertheless imbricate and strongly keeled. There can be no question as to the close relationship of these two species yet the Swan Island form is strongly differentiated.

Mr. Nelson's field notes show that this lizard is excessively abundant in all situations on both islands. He remarks that they change color very freely. A few young examples especially preserved to show their brilliant marking are noteworthy in having a brilliant lemon-yellow head, besides the usual gray rhombs in a blackish area, as is seen in *A. sagrei*.

***Anolis greyi*, sp. nov.**

Type: — No. 7,890, M. C. Z. an adult male, Camaguey (Puerto Principe), central Cuba. March, 1909, Thomas Barbour, collector. Three cotypes. Other specimens from the original series in the U. S. national museum.

When I identified the collection made in Cuba in 1909, I mistook this species

for *Anolis homolechis*, a species having a pure white dewlap in life and smooth ventrals. On our recent visit to the island we found the true *A. homolechis* near Cienfuegos and Madruga. A comparison at once showed that the series of specimens from Camaguey really represented an undescribed form more closely related to *Anolis sagrei* than to any other species. Its relationship is so evidently with this well-known and widespread form that it is less confusing to point out the differences between these two species than to present a prolix diagnosis.

Comparing adult males, the frontal ridges of *A. grayi* are much more nearly parallel than in *A. sagrei*. In the former species they are separated usually by but a single row of scales or perhaps by two small scales lying side by side. In the latter, however, there are either two or three distinct rows filling in the ovoid area limited by the ridges. This is the most striking difference. In *A. grayi* the head is more depressed, giving a very much more flat profile, not so declivous as in *A. sagrei*. In this species also the ventrals are heavily keeled, while in the new one the keels, while distinct, are far less strongly developed. A less conspicuous distinction is the possession of larger and flatter plates about the occipital scale than are found in *A. sagrei*.

The color is similar — the same in alcohol. I remember very distinctly that when these specimens were collected, there was a prominent difference in the dewlap color in life. Most unfortunately I did not realize at that time how valuable a diagnostic feature this color character is.

I have named this species for my friend, Mr. Robert M. Grey, who is in charge of the Harvard Botanical Station maintained at the Soledad estate near Cienfuegos by the generosity of Mr. Edwin F. Atkins of Boston.

***Anolis bremeri*, sp. nov.**

Type:—No. 7,889, M. C. Z. a single adult male, Herredura, Cuba, February, 1912, Thomas Barbour, collector.

This species belongs near *A. sagrei*, and its allies having keeled ventral scales, but differs in squamation and in having a very large dewlap which is rich deep maroon-brown in life, while in *A. sagrei* it is smaller and orange-red, flecked with gray.

Adult male. Top of head with two curved frontal ridges which converge anteriorly and inclose a shallow frontal area. Head scales including those of the supraocular disc all strongly keeled. Supraocular semicircles separated by a single row of scales, three of which are elongate and elevated to form a short

but distinct median ridge. Occipital about half the size of the ear opening and separated from the supraocular semicircle by two or three rows of scales. Supraocular disc composed of eight polygonal keeled scales, separated from the semicircle by a single row of very small granular, polygonal or elongate scales. Canthus rostralis composed of few scales, one extremely elongated in the middle and flanked by others less elongate on either side. Superciliary ridge consisting of one very long anterior shield, followed by a number of much smaller scales. Loreal rows five; subocular semicircle strongly keeled; supralabials six, suture between fourth and fifth being about under the centre of the eye. Temporal scales small and granular, bordered above by a rather irregular zone of enlarged scales, which extends from the posterior border of the orbit to a point some distance above the ear opening. Dorsals small, flat, smooth, showing no tendency to imbricate, a median zone consisting of from three to four series of enlarged more or less distinctly keeled scales. This zone commences at about the region of the fore limbs. Ventrals much larger than dorsals, imbricate and distinctly but not strongly keeled. Fore limbs above with rows of very strongly keeled and enlarged scales, similar scales being also present on the anterior aspect of the thigh. Subdigital expansions feebly developed, consisting of about eighteen transverse lamellae under phalanges II and III of fourth toe. Tail strongly compressed with about fifteen evident verticils along its proximal region. Each of these is separated by about seven vertical rows of keeled scales. Upper edge feebly serrated, each section with four small spines. Dewlap very large and capable of great dilation, extending along the midventral line to a point considerably posterior to the line of the axillae. A very few feebly enlarged postanal scales. No dorsal fold.

Color of living animal, grayish and reddish brown, variously marbled with spots, blotches and wavy bands of dark brown or black. Belly pale ashy or greenish. Dewlap fine rich lustrous maroon (blackish in alcohol).

A single specimen only found resting upon the thatched roof of a native house. I was told that it was a species which was only rarely found. A most observant young Cuban, Lucio Alfonso, who was with me at the time, said that it was a lizard, very partial to thatched roofs. In general habit it resembles *A. sagrei*, but head, body, and limbs are much more slender.

Named for my friend, Dr. John Lewis Bremer, of the Harvard Medical School, who has often most kindly aided me while upon collecting trips.

***Anolis luteosignifer* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1888, 20, p. 4.

Boulenger, in the Zoological record, Reptiles, 1888, p. 9, questions the distinctness of this species from *A. sagrei*. Of the validity of the species there can be no possible doubt. The two forms may be recognized at once. *A. luteosignifer* has a snout almost flat instead of swollen in the internasal area, and hence a quite different profile from *A. sagrei*. The granular scales are not only much more uniform in size than in *A. sagrei*, but they also average smaller in size. The types of *A. luteosignifer* (M. C. Z., No. 6,228) are in excellent preservation, and have been compared with a well-preserved series of *A. sagrei* which I collected near Santiago de Cuba.

The species is known only from Cayman Brac; but Maynard's notes show that this species, or some close ally, occurs also on Little Cayman. This is also said to be the only lizard on Cayman Brac.

***Anolis vermiculatus* DUMÉRIL et BIBRON.**

DUMÉRIL et BIBRON, Erpét. gén., 1837, 4, p. 128. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 41.

A large and striking lizard found only upon Cuba. Professor de la Torre gave me a young example from the Sierra de Guane, in Pinar del Rio. Messrs. Palmer and Riley found it at various localities in Pinar del Rio. Gundlach found it only near the source of the Rio Taco Taco, and remarked that when pursued, it took to the water. Thus it is evidently confined to the province of Pinar del Rio.

***Anolis loysiana* COCTEAU.**

COCTEAU, Comptes rend Acad. roy. sci., 1836, 3, p. 226. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 42.

One of the most peculiar species of the genus. It is confined to Cuba. I was until this year entirely unable to find this extremely well-marked species which Gundlach says has a wide distribution. He did not consider it rare and remarked that he always found it ensconced in crevices on the surface of the trunks of rough barked trees. I have recently secured a specimen from San Diego de los Baños from the U. S. national museum. In February, 1913, we collected a fine specimen in the village of Los Negros, Jurisdiction of Jiguani, Oriente, Cuba. It was on the rock of a small cliff beside the stream which has its source near the village.

Anolis argillaceus COPE.

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 176.

I have never succeeded in finding this species myself. Boulenger placed it in the synonymy of *A. loysiana*. Gundlach (Erpet. Cubana, 1880, p. 52), however, recognized it as a distinct species. After seeing the specimen which is preserved in the Gundlach collection in Havana I was strongly convinced that Gundlach was correct although as the cases are sealed the specimen could not be examined. On April 6 while collecting at Altó de la Union on Monte Libano near Guantanamo, Mr. C. T. Ramsden, found and sent me a lizard which proves to belong to this species and a comparison with *A. loysiana* makes it evident that they are not even very nearly related although the head scales are similar in general character. *A. argillaceus* is brilliantly marbled with yellow and dark brown about the head, has a rosy white dewlap, longitudinal dark brown bands on a speckled light brown field along the body, which is entirely without evidence of spines or tubercles. *A. loysiana* is perfectly lichen-like in coloration, very pale, ashy gray in general tone with very irregular and only slightly darker markings. *A. loysiana* is strongly depressed in habit, especially in life, while *A. argillaceus* is strongly compressed though stoutly built. Its habit recalls that of *A. isolepis*.

Anolis semilineatus COPE.

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1864, p. 171. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 68, pl. 5, fig. 1.

This species is confined to Haiti; the only specimens in the collection are from the eastern extremity of the island across from Samaná, San Domingo. Boulenger records specimens in the British museum from San Domingo only, so that the species appeared to be localized in this region, until the receipt of ten examples from Diquini, Haiti collected by Mr. W. M. Mann.

Anolis spectrum PETERS.

PETERS, Monatsb. Akad. wiss Berlin, 1863, p. 136. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards, Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 69.

A rare species confined to Cuba. I know of it from the literature only. Gundlach, who has collected most if not all of the known specimens found it only near Matanzas and Cardenas.

Anolis cyanopleurus COPE.

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci., Phila., 1861, p. 211. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 69.

Another of the rare species confined to Cuba, and of which I have never been able to find a specimen.

Anolis alutaceus COPE.

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1861, p. 212. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 71.

Apparently a rare species; it was not represented in the Museum until on our trip in 1912 when we secured a specimen at Madruga and one near Cienfuegos. In 1913 we got a fine series in the Sierra Maestra forests near Los Negros in the jurisdiction of Jiguani and a few specimens at Monte Libano near Guantanamo. The British museum did not possess a specimen at the time the second volume of the Catalogue of lizards was written. Gundlach (Erpet. Cubana, 1880, p. 49) also remarks that he has found but few examples of this species during his years of collecting. He adds that its range is not confined to any one part of the island and that it is a woodland species.

It is confined to Cuba.

Anolis angusticeps HALLOWELL.

HALLOWELL, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1856, p. 228.

I have identified with this very imperfectly described species a large series of lizards some of which I caught at Los Negros, Baire, San Luis, Monte Libano, Pozo Prieto and other stations in the Province of Oriente, and many other specimens which Mr. C. T. Ramsden has sent me for study from a number of points about Guantanamo. I had at first named the adult males as a new species but the large material which I have studied now convinces me that all are referable to this species, first described from Cienfuegos and so poorly characterized that Boulenger was unable to guess at its validity or even to place it in the British museum Catalogue of lizards. When the first young examples were received from Mr. Ramsden I thought that possibly I had to deal with *A. cyanopleurus*, a species which I have never seen but this species has keeled ventral scales and the figure of the head given by Bocourt (Miss. sci. Mex. Reptil. pl. 16, fig. 29) indicates a very different species. The greatly enlarged scales on the ventral aspect of the tail and other characters agree well with Hallowell's diagnosis. The colors fall into the range which Gundlach described from two living specimens (Erpet. Cubana, 1880, p. 45).

The species is confined to Cuba and the following notes will serve to make more clear its relationships.

It is closely related to *A. homolechis*, and has similar habits. It may be recognized at once in the field by its enormously developed gular sac, which in *A. homolechis* is pale white, while in this species it is carmine in the centre with a broad marginal band of brilliant yellow. Besides this, it may be distinguished by having fewer scales between the occipital shield and the superciliaries, and in having the scales which surround the occipital for some distance upon the upper temporal regions of a much smaller size. The canthus rostralis is separated from the frontal ridge by two or three rows of scales.

Altogether this species is very similar to *A. homolechis* in details of squamation. Without examining the type of *A. homolechis*, which is, according to Cope, in the British museum without locality, it is impossible to be perfectly sure that the species which I am naming now is not *A. homolechis* itself and the one with the white dewlap a new species. Cope's description is ambiguous, and the two forms with which I am dealing are obviously variable in many characters. Nevertheless, the dewlap color, which I have learned to regard as a very excellent one, divides them sharply into two groups. Cope mentions the dewlaps as being large. It is rather large in *homolechis*, but much larger in *angusticeps*. However, his note of the canthus as separated from the frontal ridge by but one row of scales, of the occipital as separated from the superciliaries by many rows of scales, and by his mention of the metallic shades of the ventral surface would seem to fasten the name *homolechis* to the group of individuals having the white dewlap. This conclusion was reached last year by Dr. Stejneger and myself before I had this related form. That we are dealing with two distinct forms I have no doubt; but without an adequate description or a re-examination of the type, there is no use attempting to do more than call attention to the facts, and leave a more detailed discussion of status until the original type of *homolechis* can be examined.

***Anolis porcatus* GRAY.**

GRAY, Ann. mag. nat. hist., 1840, 5, p. 112.

This extremely distinct species, which was figured by Cocteau in Sagra's *Historia de Cuba*, Reptiles, pl. 9, is confined to Cuba. It has very frequently been confounded with the North American *A. carolinensis* and the Bahaman *A. brunneus*. Even Boulenger, in the Catalogue of lizards, 1885, 2, p. 43, included it in the synonymy of *A. carolinensis*.

Gray (*loc. cit.*) recorded the locality whence the species was supposed to have come by saying that it "Inhab. Cuba and Texas." There is no doubt, however, but that the Cuban species was the one described.

It is abundant all over the island, occurring most commonly in gardens. It is especially fond of sitting on the plants which have long leaves, species of *Pandanus*, various bromeliaceous plants and particularly upon agaves and aloes.

***Anolis maynardi* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1888, 20, p. 7.

This species, which is confined to Little Cayman Island, differs markedly from *A. porcatius* of Cuba, its closest ally. Garman has mentioned the very long narrow snout, and the rather weak longitudinal rugae of the head, which separate the species from the shorter and more rugosely headed Cuban form. Of the two types (M. C. Z., No. 6,227), only one is in useful condition, the other having apparently been very badly dried and eaten by insects.

***Anolis brunneus* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1894, p. 432, pl. 10, fig. 3. BARBOUR, Proc. Biol. soc. Wash., 1911, 23, p. 49.

Even though it is not absolutely certain that the common green *Anolis* of the several Bahamas does not differ constantly upon the various islands, still at present it seems best for reasons already given (Barbour, *loc. cit.*) to consider these lizards together under this name, and so to distinguish them from their allies in Cuba, *A. porcatius*, and on the American mainland, *A. carolinensis*. Rosén, (Lunds univ. arsskrift, 1911, 7, no. 5, p. 30) although he had no Cuban material for comparison, nevertheless quite independently arrived at a somewhat similar solution of the vexed question regarding the status of these Bahaman lizards.

***Anolis oligaspis* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1844, p. 430, pl. 11, fig. 5.

This species was described by Cope from an imperfect female taken on New Providence Island. He compares it with *A. krugi* of Porto Rico, but remarks that he has not seen the latter. On my trips to New Providence I have never got this species, and have often doubted whether the type was not a displaced specimen, wrongly credited to the Bahaman fauna. When, also, however, Rosén's account of what he determined as *Anolis porcatius* appeared, it seemed at once probable that what he termed the "rare form" of this species was nothing

more or less than Cope's *A. oligaspis*. A comparison of Rosén's poor figure (Lunds univ. arrskrift, 1911, 7, no. 5, p. 30, pl. 1—, fig. 8) with Cope's makes it appear as certain as possible under the circumstances that this species is an extremely rare one which occurs very sparingly on New Providence, whence the type came, and Andros Island, whence Rosén brought two specimens. These he confused with *A. porcatius*, which, in the Bahamas, should be called *A. brunneus*.

***Anolis leucophaeus* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1888, 20, p. 109.

This species, of which the type (M. C. Z., No. 6,226) comes from Great Inagua, is by common consent considered the same as Cope's *A. cinnamomeus* (Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1894, p. 435); and there seems to be no reason for not including his *A. moorei* also in the synonymy (*loc. cit.*, p. 433).

***Anolis chlorocyanus* DUMÉRIL et BIBRON.**

DUMÉRIL et BIBRON, Erpét. gén., 1837, 4, p. 117. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 44.

Garman (Bull. Essex inst., 1887, 19, p. 24) retained this species as distinct from *A. coelestinus* Cope (Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 177). An examination of his material, which consisted of two fine adults from Samana, San Domingo, the types of *A. coelestinus* (M. C. Z., No. 2,347), and three others which he collected at Tiburon, Haiti, forces the conclusion that these are really one and the same species, although it must be confessed that the head scales indicate that the specimens fall into two classes. There are, however, intermediates, and for this reason I do not feel justified in keeping the species distinct. Boulenger had already combined them. The form occurs upon Haiti only. Mr. Mann collected one example at Diquini, Haiti.

***Anolis pulchellus* DUMÉRIL et BIBRON.**

DUMÉRIL et BIBRON, Erpét. gén., 1837, 4, p. 97. STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 660, fig. 112–116.

Stejneger has shown that this species does not really come from Martinique, the type locality mentioned by Duméril and Bibron, since Plée, who sent the specimens to the Paris museum, sent them from Martinique, but collected in St. Thomas and San Domingo. The former was undoubtedly the type locality.

The species is known from Porto Rico, St. Thomas, St. Croix, Tortola, Just van Dyke, and Vieques. Garman records specimens collected by Ackermann at Port au Prince, Haiti; but Stejneger surmises, undoubtedly quite

correctly, that these may have been shipped from Haiti, but collected elsewhere. There is no other Haitian record for the species. There is also a specimen in the U. S. national museum labeled "Nassau, New Providence"; but Stejneger has already noted that this was, of course, impossible, and that some mistake had occurred in the labeling.

Norops ophiolepis (COPE).

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1861, p. 211. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 26.

A not uncommon species, confined to Cuba. Several other species occur on the mainland of tropical America, but this is the only Antillean member of the genus. Its presence in Cuba serves to emphasize the fact that this island is far more intimately related to the mainland than any of the others.

My observations agree with those of Gundlach that this species is never arboreal, but is found only among grass or rushes, its non-climbing habits being correlated with the absence of subdigital lamellae. At Soledad, near Cienfuegos, this species was quite abundant in the tall grass of pasture land. It was difficult to catch owing to its habit of dropping to the ground and hiding quickly. It was also seen about Pinar del Rio, Madruga, and near Havana, where Mr. Samuel H. Scudder procured the only specimen the Museum had prior to our visits.

Iguana rhinolopha WIEGMANN.

WIEGMANN, Herpet. Mexicana, 1834, p. 44. GRAY, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1845, p. 186. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 190.

Iguanas were recorded from Grenada by Garman (Bull. Essex inst., 1887, 19, p. 50) as being intermediate between this species and *I. tuberculata* (Laurenti). A careful revision of these two species, made with the aid of extensive collections from many localities, will be necessary before their exact status can be settled. That they are really distinct I have no doubt whatever, but as yet their ranges can not be accurately defined. Stejneger suspects that if intermediates really do exist, they may be explained by the fact that the species have been carried about by human agency "in innumerable instances," and that the intermediates may be "hybrids from introduced stock, or because of their geographic distribution" (*ex litt.*). I favor the latter explanation, as apparently the accidental introduction of vertebrates by human agency is a far rarer phenomenon than is often realized.

Boulenger gives the distribution of what he calls *Iguana tuberculata* var. *rhinolopha* as Central America and West Indies. It was formerly widespread

among the Antilles, but it has suffered great diminution in numbers on account of the ravages of the mongoose. It is so rare now in Grenada that neither Allen nor Brues were able to get a single specimen, although they offered rewards and searched for it diligently.

Reinhardt and Lütken record this species from St. Kitts and St. Lucia; Garman, from Grenada, Saba, and St. Thomas; and Boulenger, from St. Lucia.

***Iguana delicatissima* LAURENTI.**

LAURENTI, Syn. Rept., 1768, p. 48. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 191.

This species has a curious, more or less haphazard distribution, since it occurs upon Swan Island, Nevis, St. Bartholomew, and St. Martins; and Boulenger includes "Brazil" within its range, based doubtless upon some wrongly labeled specimen. Reinhardt and Lütken record it from Martinique and Guadeloupe.

***Cyclura cyclura* (CUVIER).**

CUVIER, Reg. anim., 1829, 2, p. 45. COCTEAU, Sagra's Hist. Cuba. Rept., 1838, p. 96, pl. VI.

This species is confined to Cuba, the Isle of Pines and the neighboring Cays. It has been confused by Boulenger with several well-marked forms. He has included *C. carinata* Harlan, from Turks Island, *C. baeolopha* Cope, of Andros Island, and *C. collei* Gray from Jamaica, in what, apparently for the sake of avoiding the repetition of the generic name, he calls *C. carinata* (Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 193-195). The species from Turks, Andros Islands, and Watlings Island I know from examination to be well-defined species, and different from *C. cyclura*. This was pointed out by Stejneger when he described the Watlings Island Iguana (*C. rileyi* Proc. Biol. soc. Wash., 1903, 16, p. 129). At the time of writing the catalogue, Boulenger had only mounted specimens of the Jamaican Iguana; and lizards stuffed after the manner of half a century ago certainly lose their specific characters, as many stuffed reptiles in this Museum prove. But to judge from Gosse's description and beautiful figure, there can be no doubt but that the Jamaican species is as valid as the rest, which certainly are very distinct *inter se*. Dr. Stejneger recently told me that there is a Jamaican example in the United States national museum and that his examination of this specimen had shown it to be quite distinct from the others.

I have learned that this species is very rare upon the mainland of Cuba being only found in the most unfrequented localities. It has been exterminated over most of the island because of its excellence as an article of food. It is said still to be common on many of the Cayos lying off the coast of Cuba, especially

Cayo Romano, and some cayos near Manzanillo. It also occurs about the Pan de Guajabon, in the Sierra de Rangel, near Cabo San Antonio, Cabo Maisi, and Cabo Cruz. The Museum has a fine specimen from the region of Guantánamo given by my friend Mr. C. T. Ramsden and another from the hills near Santiago de Cuba collected by Capt. now Col. Wirt Robinson, U. S. A.

In 1888 Garman (Bull. Essex inst., 20, p. 105) recorded *Cyclura nubila* Gray 1831, from the Caymans. He simply quoted Maynard's field notes which read "The Iguana occurs commonly in the cliffs of both this island (Cayman Brac) and Little Cayman." In 1911 the Museum received from Mr. W. W. Brown the skin in alcohol of an Iguana from the Caymans with no data regarding the island whence it came. The head is badly shot but it appears to be a specimen of *Cyclura cyclura*. It is not fully adult. Unless the type is still well preserved Gray's *C. nubila* must be disregarded, the description is vague and no type locality is given.

***Cyclura collei* GRAY.**

GRAY, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1845, p. 190. BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, 52, p. 293.

Gosse (Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1848, p. 99, pl. 1) has contributed a beautiful plate and good diagnosis of this species, now so rare. His long and well-written account of its habits (*loc. cit.*, and Naturalists' sojourn in Jamaica, 1851, p. 76-77) is as absorbing today as it was when first penned!

***Cyclura baeolopha* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1861, p. 123. BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1904, 46, p. 58. STEJNEGER, The Bahama Islands, 1905, p. 334. ROSÉN, Lunds univ. arsskrift, 1911, 7, no. 5, p. 37.

This and the various other species of this characteristic West Indian genus are probably all confined to the islands whence they have been described and perhaps to neighbouring islets. The range of each species is narrowly circumscribed; and the various species may easily be distinguished *inter se* by a careful reading of the descriptions, or better still, by comparisons of specimens. Boulenger unfortunately relegated to the synonymy of what he called *Cyclura carinata* Harlan (Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 193) this as well as other valid species; whereas he applied Harlan's name to his Cuban and Jamaican specimens when in reality the name belonged to the species peculiar to Turk's Island.

Cyclura baeolopha is common about the central region of Andros Island, whence Bryant obtained an excellent series in 1904. Rosén did not find it in the northern part of the island.

Bryant reported that the natives about the village at Mangrove Cay hunted the "guana" regularly with dogs as an esteemed article of food. I have, in fact, seen specimens brought to the market at Nassau on several occasions, always said to be from Mangrove Cay. The natives twist loose one of the animals claws, and drawing out the sinew attached to it, are thus able to tie the animal's feet together over its back, so that it is helpless. In the markets at Panama heaps of helpless individuals of the common edible Iguana (*Iguana iguana*) may be seen any day tied up in this way, and they find a ready sale at from five to ten cents each (U. S. currency). The females full of eggs being most esteemed.

***Cyclura rileyi* STEJNEGER.**

STEJNEGER, Proc. Biol. soc. Wash., 1903, **16**, p. 129. ROSÉN, Lunds univ. arsskrift, 1911, **7**, no. 5, p. 36.

Known only from Watling's Island. The field notes quoted by Stejneger show that C. V. Riley, who discovered this species, found it common on two small cays in the large saltwater lagoon on Watling's Island. The larger island of these two is known locally as Iguana Cay. This Museum's collection now contains one of Riley's original series.

***Cyclura cornuta* (BONNATERRE).**

BONNATERRE, Tabl. encyc. erpét., 1789, p. 40, pl. 4, fig. 4. STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 670, fig. 122-126.

The Rhinoceros Iguana is found upon Haiti, Mona, and Navassa Islands. Stejneger has discussed the status of this species so fully that there is no object in going into it here, since no new material has come to hand. The question as to whether this name embraces more than a single species must be left until many additional specimens can be studied.

***Cyclura carinata* HARLAN.**

HARLAN, Journ. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1824, **4**, p. 242, 250, pl. 15. COPE, Proc. U. S. nat. mus., 1887, **10**, p. 437.

A very distinct species, confined to Turk's Island. Stejneger and Rosén agree as to the status of this species, which was first pointed out by Cope with relation to its congeners. There is a topotype in the Museum collected by Prof. A. S. Bickmore, so that I have been able to make an actual comparison with some of the other species.

***Leiocephalus carinatus* GRAY.**

GRAY, Philos. mag., 1827, **2**, p. 208. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **2**, p. 165. BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1904, **46**, p. 58. ROSÉN, Lunds univ. arsskrift, 1911, **7**, no. 5, p. 35-36.

A rather wide ranging form. Cuban and Bahaman individuals seem to be indistinguishable. Known from Cuba, Great Bahama, Great Abaco, Stranger Cay, New Providence, Andros, Cat, and Crooked Islands.

In Cuba, as in the Bahamas, this is a species characteristic of the zone of vegetation bordering the ocean beach. It is very common, living in burrows in the masonry of the walls of Morro Castle and Cabañas Fortress at Havana, and at the Morro of Santiago de Cuba, as well as at the forts on the foreshore near Matanzas.

***Leiocephalus virescens* STEJNEGER.**

STEJNEGER, Proc. U. S. nat. mus., 1900, **23**, p. 471. ROSÉN, Lunds univ. arsskrift, 1911, **7**, no. 5, p. 35.

A local race confined to Green Cay, south of New Providence Island, derived from *L. carinatus*.

***Leiocephalus varius* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Proc. Amer. phil. soc., 1887, **24**, p. 274.

The types of this species are in the collection, well preserved (M. C. Z., No. 6,023). It is confined to Grand Cayman. On Cayman Brae Garman recorded *L. carinatus*, but these specimens are not quite typical of that species. No member of the genus has been taken on Little Cayman.

***Leiocephalus loxogrammus* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. U. S. nat. mus., 1887, **10**, p. 437.

The type of this species came from Rum Cay, collected by the naturalists of the U. S. F. C. S. ALBATROSS. It was later taken at the same island by Maynard and recorded by Garman. (Bull. Essex inst., 1888, **20**, p. 13). More recently still Stejneger has reported it from Watling's Island. It is not known elsewhere, but may be looked for upon others of the Bahamas as yet herpetologically unexplored.

***Leiocephalus vittatus* (HALLOWELL).**

HALLOWELL, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1856, p. 151. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **2**, p. 163-164.

In 1909 I found this species very abundantly about Camaguey (Puerto Principe) Cuba, and a series was obtained there. The Museum had other

specimens from Matanzas and Havana, but most unfortunately none from San Domingo. I am unable to make comparison of Cuban and San Domingan examples, which Boulenger groups together. It is confined to these two islands, if the San Domingan records are not based on the young of *L. personatus*, which look quite similar to this species.

In 1912 I found the species much more widespread than I had imagined and specimens were secured from Havana, several localities in the Province of Pinar del Rio, about Cienfuegos, near Madruga, Bayamo, Guantanamo and elsewhere. The species was observed almost everywhere except in the immediate vicinity of the seacoast where its place is taken by *L. carinatus*. Its most characteristic habitat is perhaps in the *guarda rayas* of the cane fields.

***Leiocephalus macropus* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 184. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 163.

This seems to be a rare species confined to eastern Cuba. It was not represented in the collection until Capt. Wirt Robinson presented two specimens taken by him near Santiago after the American occupation.

Cope (Proc. U. S. nat. mus., 1887, 10, p. 438) says, "Boulenger, in the Vol. II of the Catalogue of the lizards in the British Museum, regards *L. raviceps* as the same as *L. macropus*. They are, however, different species, belonging to different sections of the genus." Boulenger did not place *L. raviceps* as a synonym of *L. macropus*, but of *L. vittatus*, a course apparently justified.

***Leiocephalus schreibersii* (GRAVENHORST).**

GRAVENHORST, Nova acta Acad. caes. leop.-carol., 1836, 18, p. 739, pl. 54, fig. 15-16. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 162.

A very well-marked species known from Haiti and Great Inagua. There are specimens in the Museum from both localities. Mann's recent series adds seven from Manneville, Haiti.

***Leiocephalus melanochlorus* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 184. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 164.

The typical series, about twenty examples collected near Jeremie, Haiti, by Dr. Weinland (M. C. Z., No. 3,598), is still well preserved. Other specimens have come from Puerto Plata, San Domingo, collected by Mr. M. A. Frazar, and from Furcy, Haiti, collected by Mr. W. M. Mann. Known only from this island.

***Leiocephalus personatus* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 182. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 164.

The striate head scales and other characters, as well as the absence of the white lateral band or series of white spots, make one feel justified in keeping this species separate from *L. vittatus*, although Boulenger remarked (*loc. cit.*) that they were perhaps not specifically distinct. The solution to be expected would be that this species replaced *L. vittatus* on San Domingo; one having no specimens of *L. vittatus* from San Domingo would form this view. Boulenger, however, recorded such specimens in the British museum; but it is possible that these are really referable to *L. personatus*. At the time of writing the Catalogue, he had only one Cuban *L. vittatus* for comparison.

The types of this species (M. C. Z., No. 3,615) are two examples in fair preservation. More recently we have received it from Puerto Plata, San Domingo, and from Furey, Haiti. Cope based his species *L. trigeminatus* on the young of this species, as he himself admitted (Proc. U. S. nat. mus., 1887, 10, p. 438), after Boulenger had placed *L. trigeminatus* in the synonymy of *L. personatus*. Although both species were described from Weinland's material, and the types of both were said by Cope to be in the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, nevertheless the types of *L. personatus* only are to be found.

***Leiocephalus eremitus* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1868, p. 122. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 165.

A species confined to the small island of Navassa, near Haiti.

***Leiocephalus herminieri* (DUMÉRIL et BIBRON).**

DUMÉRIL ET BIBRON, Erpét. gén., 1837, 4, p. 261. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 166.

This species was said by Duméril and Bibron to have been sent to the Paris museum from Trinidad by l'Herminier, and from Martinique by Plée and Guyon. Boulenger had only a skeleton from Martinique. Whether this creature has been extirpated by the mongoose or not it is impossible to say. It is not represented in Garman's collection from Martinique, nor does it appear to have been recorded from there in recent years. It is not known from any other of the Lesser Antilles, which would make it seem possible that it was a Trinidad species that had been erroneously credited to the fauna of Martinique.

***Celestus sagrae* COCTEAU.**

COCTEAU, Sagra's Hist. Cuba, Rept., 1838, p. 180, p. 20. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 293.

A species of which little is known. It is confined to Cuba. The only examples which I have seen have been two, one obtained by exchange from Dr. Stejneger of the U. S. national museum, which came from eastern Cuba. This was the locality indicated for most of the collection of Mr. Charles Wright which was made in the Sierra de Yateras, near Guantanamo. The second specimen was given me by my friend, the Cuban botanist, Sr. Jesus Valdivia, whom I have to thank for many favors. It was caught near the city of Havana. Mr. William Palmer wrote me that he had met the species once in the Vuelta Abajo region near San Cristobal. Gundlach mentions that the species is rare and unknown to many natives. Those who know it call it "Culebrita de quatro patas," the four-footed snake.

***Celestus sepoides* (GRAY).**

GRAY, Ann. mag. nat. hist., 1852, ser. 2, 10, p. 281. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 294.

This species, the only *Celestus* having four toes, has twice been named as the type of a genus peculiar to Haiti. Once it was called *Sauresia* by Gray (*loc. cit.*); and ten years later it was redescribed by Weinland as *Enbryopus habichii*. (Abhandl. Senck. naturf. gesellsch., 1862, 4, p. 132, pl. 5, fig. 1).

If this species occurred upon the mainland, the possession of four toes would be quite sufficient for the erection of a genus to contain it; but for the Haitian lizard, such a course only masks its relationships. It is in all other respects a *Celestus* pure and simple, and represents the modified descendants of individuals, left isolated in Haiti, whose relatives in Cuba have become *Celestus sagrae*, and in Porto Rico, *C. pleei*. It should stand in the genus between these two species.

Not recognizing this genus, I may be considered as inconsistent after what I have said regarding keeping separate *C. cruscus* and *C. costatus*. To me it seems that letting this distinction stand, we are going to just as unreasonable an extreme as when several valid species are thrown together simply because they look very much alike. Here we are over-emphasizing an isolation which is just what Günther has warned against when by merging species we may easily over-emphasize the relationships of the islands represented by the material being studied. Günther and Boulenger,—the latter in handling *Cyclura*, for

example,— have perhaps quite unconsciously over-emphasized the closeness of the relationship of the Antilles with one another.

The name *Sauresia* may be retained as a subgeneric heading, if it is desirable to point out the fact that the Haitian individuals of this group of individuals have become more modified in structure from the generic type than have the individuals on Cuba and Porto Rico.

***Celestus pleii* (DUMÉRIL et BIBRON).**

DUMÉRIL ET BIBRON, *Erpét. gén.*, 1839, **5**, p. 605. STEJNEGER, *Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904*, p. 622.

A species rare, like all the others in the genus, because its ground-inhabiting nature makes it an easy prey for the marauding mongoose. Stejneger has shown that the type locality was beyond doubt erroneous (it was given as Martinique), and that the species is confined to Porto Rico.

***Celestus impressus* COPE.**

COPE, *Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila.*, 1868, p. 127. BARBOUR, *Bull. M. C. Z.*, 1910, **52**, p. 298.

A species which is still fairly abundant in the hilly country about Mandeville in Jamaica. It is confined to that island.

***Celestus occiduus* (SHAW).**

SHAW, *Zoology*, 1802, **3**, p. 288. BARBOUR, *Bull. M. C. Z.*, 1910, **52**, p. 294.

In my Notes on the herpetology of Jamaica, I included within this species *C. striatus* (Gray), and *C. hewardii* (Gray). These species, probably on account of very deficient material, had been considered distinct since their description, and confined to Jamaica.

Garman (*Bull. Essex inst.*, 1887, **19**, p. 21) says that a "careful study of the type of Cope's *D. stenurus* convinces me that Dr. Boulenger is right in placing it in *D. striatus*." The type of Cope's *Diploglossus stenurus*, from Jeremie, Haiti (*M. C. Z.*, No. 3,612), is a very large individual, for a long time the only Haitian specimen of the species in the collection. It agrees closely with the description given by Boulenger (*Cat. lizards Brit. mus.*, 1885, **2**, p. 289, pl. 16, fig. 1) for *Diploglossus striatus*, which I believe to represent only a variation of *Celestus* (*Diploglossus*) *occiduus* (Shaw). If, however, the small auditory opening of which Boulenger speaks in his description of *C. (D.) striatus* is really constant, then the individuals having it may be entitled to specific rank. The ear opening is small in the type of *C. stenurus* (Cope); but this character shows itself

to be somewhat variable in the species, which is represented in the collection by good series of examples. The dorsal scales in Cope's type have a slight tendency toward mucronate condition. This may be due to old age; but if it proves to be constant, and if it never occurs in senescent Jamaican individuals, the Haitian form is really distinct. Unfortunately no such old Jamaican example is at hand. Until the accumulation of much additional Haitian material it is better to keep the forms separate. Mann's two recent examples from Diquini are not old individuals and do not settle the question of the identity or distinctness of these two species.

***Celestus rugosus* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Amer. philos. soc., 1879, **18**, p. 272. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **2**, p. 288.

This species seems to represent *C. occiduus* (Shaw), of Jamaica, upon San Domingo; as *C. costatus* Cope represents *C. cruscus* Garman. Boulenger, judging from Cope's description,— a course which I also have to follow,— allowed *C. rugosus* Cope to stand as a distinct species. There is no specimen in the collection here; but the form seems to be a perfectly valid one, confined to San Domingo.

***Celestus cruscus* (GARMAN).**

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, **19**, p. 22. BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, **52**, p. 295.

Another beautiful species (Type M. C. Z., No. 6,051) which is apparently disappearing fast. It is found only upon Jamaica.

In the Zoological record for 1888 Boulenger raised the question as to whether this species was not *Diploglossus phoxinus* Cope (a species which should really stand as *Celestus costatus* (Cope). As stated under the caption of this species, I think pending the accumulation of more material these species should be kept separate. Günther (Ann. mag. nat. hist., 1888, ser. 6, **2**, p. 364–65) believes we should be most careful about admitting that the West Indian Islands are populated by related but peculiar species. On commenting on Garman's work in naming many of these island forms, he says: "In this case any one studying the distribution of reptiles over the West Indies would, by relying upon statements such as are propounded by Mr. Garman in his recent [1887–1888] publications on West Indian reptiles be misled into the view of a more complete isolation and specialization of the faunas of the various islands than obtains in reality." It is in just this point of view that Günther errs deeply. It is this very close relation of the insular faunae that we must be most cautious not to exaggerate. The presence of the same species upon neighboring islands is very significant

when true. The presence of allied species upon neighboring islands is what experience with West Indian reptiles teaches one to expect. To say that these *Celesti* upon Jamaica and Haiti are the same when one can not be certain of this from the material at hand is misrepresenting the state of affairs far more probably than to hold them separate, when we find so few species really the same upon the two islands, and so many types, if one may call them such, represented on each of the two islands by related species. We are erring more when we over-emphasize the similarity of the fauna of Jamaica and of Haiti; for the relationship shows in its truest light when the differences between the species on the islands are pointed out and held at their true value.

I pointed out in 1910 (*loc. cit.*) that Boulenger's *Diploglossus bakeri* was apparently this species. For the use of *Celestus* instead of *Diploglossus*, consult the same paper.

***Celestus maculatus* (GARMAN).**

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1888, 20, p. 105.

Boulenger, in the Zoological record for 1888, erroneously noted that this species was a synonym of *C. striatus* (Gray) (= *C. occiduus* Shaw). Garman correctly pointed out its relationship to his *C. cruscus*. It needs comparison with no other species. It may be separated at once from *C. cruscus*; and plenty of specimens, including the type, of this species are available for comparison. The second and third digits are, as Garman pointed out, much elongated. They are, in fact, nearly twice as long as those in any specimen of *C. cruscus* of the same size.

The type is unique in the collection (M. C. Z., No. 6,231). It was collected on the island of Cayman Brac. It is possible that the species might occur upon other islands of the Cayman group.

***Celestus costatus* (COPE).**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1861, p. 494. GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, 19, p. 23.

Garman (*loc. cit.*) was the first to point out that the type of Cope's *Panulopus costatus* was in reality a mutilated lizard of the same species, a perfect specimen of which Cope later characterized as *Celestus phoxinus*. The earlier type (M. C. Z., No. 3,606) was described as representing a strange genus having legs without toes. I believe that a partly healed up groove around the lizard's body offers the key to why it was so mutilated. Some young Haitian caught the lizard and tied a string tightly about its body, hence the groove; then he proceeded to snip off the fingers and toes — a form of amusement, or perhaps experimentation, not unknown to more civilized youth. The lizard then escaped, and

the limb stumps healed over. Finally, Dr. D. F. Weinland collected the lizard, in due time it became the type of a supposed new genus.

This imperfect specimen, however great its historic value, is almost worthless for purposes of comparison with *C. cruscus* Garman, from Jamaica, its very close ally. I believe it most unwise to conclude that these two species are identical until a comparison can be made, based on more extensive collections from Haiti. I have given reasons for wariness in making such conclusions under the heading of *C. cruscus* Garman (p. 305).

If the toes had been cut off the type of *C. maculatus*, it would be quite indistinguishable from the type of *C. cruscus*; but with the feet perfect, the species may be recognized at once. Some such character may exist in *C. costatus*.

Cope said, when describing *Celestus phoxinus*, (Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1868, p. 125) that "This elegant species was found by Dr. D. F. Weinland, near Jeremie, Hayti, and was placed by him in the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Cambridge, Mass., in care of Prof. Agassiz." I have been quite unable to locate the type, nor do I know whether Garman had it for comparison with *C. costatus* when he announced the identity of the two species.

***Cricosaura typica* GUNDLACH & PETERS.**

GUNDLACH & PETERS, Monatsb. Akad. wiss. Berlin, 1863, p. 362, pl., fig. 1-6. BOCOURT, Miss. sci. Mex. Reptil., p. 313, pl. 20, fig. 14-18. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 329.

This remarkable archaic monotypic genus has for herpetologists an interest equivalent to that which is held for *Solenodon* among students of mammals. Its excessive rarity, there does not seem to be a single example preserved in an American museum, outside of Cuba, makes it the most-to-be-desired booty of any naturalist who may collect in Cuba.

On the continent, its allies of the genus *Xantusia* were almost equally rare until it was found that *X. vigilis* Baird lived by day among the drooping dead leaves of the great tree yuccas of our southwestern deserts (Van Denburgh, Occ. papers Cal. acad. sci., 1897, 5, p. 123-128). *Xantusia henshawi* Stejneger lives among granite boulders, and can be found for a few moments before dark only, as it does not come out from its hiding place until after sundown.

Lepidophyma, the only other genus of the *Xantusiidae* is also semi-nocturnal. Sumichrast is quoted by Bocourt (Miss. Sci. Mex. Reptil., p. 311-312) as saying that it lives in the darkest humid forests. Its habits are somewhat like those of a gekko, living in the decayed galleries, or in the crevices of old tree trunks, much more rarely among rocks. It is never seen abroad by day; but nevertheless is not really rare, once one knows where and how to search for it.

There can be no doubt but that the habits of *Cricosaura* are somewhat similar to those of *Xantusia* and *Lepidophyma*.

It has been customary to consider the members of this family as types reminiscent of a fauna which has almost passed. The rarity of the individuals of the various species has been brought forward as an argument that they are in fact dying out. In view of the real abundance of the creatures when once their hiding places become known, this argument ceases to be weighty. The scattered ranges of the various forms, each narrowly circumscribed, and the structure of the animals show that the group is, to be sure, an archaic one. The surviving species seem, however, to have adapted themselves to a mode of life successful under present conditions. Gundlach (*Erpet. Cubana*, 1880, p. 63) found all the specimens known under stones near Cape Cruz, the southernmost point of the island. This is all that is known of the habits of the species.

All of the foregoing was written before I visited Cuba again during 1913. This trip included a special, and somewhat arduous, excursion to Cabo Cruz. Prof. de la Torre and I went together and he had with him Gundlach's manuscript field notes which give in minute detail the exact places at each locality visited where Gundlach's actual collecting was carried on. By means of this I was able to go to what I believe was the exact spot where Gundlach got his specimens and to find again this most interesting form. I only got one example under a large stone about one hundred yards a little north of east from the lighthouse. Here there is a small area which is sunken and where red earth occurs with scattered fragments of the country rock of limestone. The surroundings are sandy toward the point of the Cape and "diente perro" to the North and East. Cacti and plants which are excessively thorny recall the habitat of *Xantusia* on the mainland.

The species is more active than I had expected to find it and two specimens were unfortunately lost by Cubans who were helping look for it, as they escaped into crevices in the outcropping limestone here eroded into spear points and knife blade edges which ring like metal, as one walks over them and which makes this "diente-perro" country anathema to all Cubans.

***Centropyx intermedius* GRAY.**

GRAY, Griffiths Cuvier's Animal kingdom, 1830, 9, Syn. reptil., p. 31. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 340.

Cope first recorded this species from Barbados; and I cannot find the slightest difference between specimens from Barbados and the description of main-

land specimens,— I have none for actual comparison. Fielden (Zoologist, 1889, p. 297) contributes an excellent account of this species, its habits, etc. It occurs also in the Guianan subregion of South America.

Garman's name, *C. copii*, based upon three specimens M. C. Z., No. 6,076 from Barbados, has no standing in nomenclature, since it is a *nomen nudum*.

***Ameiva auberi* COCTEAU.**

COCTEAU, Sagra's Hist. Cuba. Rept., 1843, p. 74, pl. 6. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **2**, p. 356.

This species is widespread in Cuba, to which island it is confined. There are specimens in the Museum from Santiago, Bahia Honda, and Puerto Principe. Near the latter town I found it very common, running about over the sun-baked ballast of the railroad line. Like its congeners, it prefers open, dry plains, with plenty of exposed rock for basking. On my last trip to the island I found it common near the beach between Morro Castle and Cojimar near Havana, and met with it sparingly at San Diego de los Baños, Herradura, Pinar del Rio, and Madruga.

***Ameiva dorsalis* GRAY.**

GRAY, Ann. mag. nat. hist., 1838, **1**, p. 277. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **2**, p. 357. BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, **52**, p. 298.

An interesting species, confined to the island of Jamaica, where it has grown rare and difficult to obtain owing to the reptile-devouring habits of the introduced mongoose.

***Ameiva thoracica* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 64. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards, Brit. mus., 1885, **2**, p. 356. ROSÉN, Lunds univ. arsskrift, 1911, **7**, no. 5, p. 37.

A common species throughout its range, which includes the Bahaman Islands of New Providence, Eleuthera, and Andros. Cope (Proc. U. S. nat. mus., 1887, **10**, p. 438) records a specimen taken by Townsend (Cruise of the ALBATROSS), at Great Abaco. Its occurrence on this island is nevertheless problematical. In 1904, Allen, Bryant, and I searched diligently for it at various stations on the island, without result.

***Ameiva chrysolæma* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1868, p. 127. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, **2**, p. 355.

Confined to Haiti; a distinct form, related to the Bahaman *A. thoracica*. Mr. W. M. Mann obtained many examples near Manneville.

Ameiva taeniura COPE.

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 63. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 350.

The types, three fine specimens (M. C. Z., No. 3,614), were the only examples in the collection until the receipt of many from Diquini and Manneville collected by Mr. W. M. Mann. The species is confined to Haiti.

Ameiva vittipunctata COPE.

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1871, p. 220. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 355.

The types of this species came from near the city of San Domingo. Recently, however, the Museum has received a fine suite of specimens from Momanche, Diquini, and Manneville, collected by Mr. W. M. Mann.

Ameiva maynardi GARMAN.

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1888, 20, p. 110.

This form, derived from Haiti, occurs upon Great Inagua in the southern Bahamas. The types are M. C. Z., No. 6,225.

Ameiva exul COPE.

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 66. STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 612, fig. 59-66.

This ground lizard is rather more wide-ranging than many of the species of the genus. Various students, notably Stejneger, have compared specimens from the different islands; and they find them apparently indistinguishable upon Porto Rico, Vieques, St. Thomas, St. John, St. Croix, and Water Island. Nevertheless, Garman (Bull. Essex inst., 1887, 19, p. 11) says, "Porto Rico specimens appear to be a little lighter in color, more red on the back and head, and have the whitish frecklings on the hinder part of the body and the base of the tail, as also the dark spots along the flank, less numerous and more distinct than those from St. Thomas. The latter have the colors a trifle darker, more olive, and the white spots and the black spots less faded." I have re-examined the specimens, now more than twenty years older than when Garman studied them, and I find the difference to be really striking. The series are probably very different in life, and probably represent groups of individuals strongly tending toward the formation of distinct species by isolation, by the constantly increasing tendency of an isolated group of individuals to vary according to latent peculiarities which become in succeeding generations increasingly patent.

Stejneger, however, with an enormous series of Porto Rican specimens, emphasizes the great variability in coloring which he finds.

***Ameiva alboguttata* BOULENGER.**

BOULENGER, Jahresb. Naturw. verein Magdeburg, für. 1894-1896, 1896, p. 112. STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 618, fig. 67-72.

A species evolved through the isolation on Mona Island of individuals similar to those which gave rise, on Porto Rico, to *A. exul*.

***Ameiva lineolata* DUMÉRIL et BIBRON.**

DUMÉRIL ET BIBRON, Erpét. gén., 1839, 5, p. 119. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 349.

A beautiful species, confined to Haiti, where good series were collected by Dr. Weinland, near Jeremie, and by Mr. Frazar, near Puerto Plata, at the opposite extreme of the island. This would suggest that it occurs widely spread.

***Ameiva polops* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 66. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 350.

A well-defined species, confined to the island of St. Croix.

***Ameiva wetmorei* STEJNEGER.**

STEJNEGER, Proc. Biol. soc. Wash., 1913, 26, p. 69.

This species so recently discovered stands directly with the *lineolata-polops* group and serves to bridge the long supposed discontinuity of the range of these allied species. The finding of this important lizard as Stejneger says "illustrates once more the fortuitous nature of reptile collecting." Porto Rico, the island whence this species comes was of all the Antilles presumably the best known.

***Ameiva corvina* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1861, p. 312. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 358.

The type of this species is a single specimen from the island of Sombrero (M. C. Z., No. 5,532). It has since been taken upon Anguilla Island, whence the British museum had specimens (Boulenger, *loc. cit.*). Garman (Bull. Essex inst., 1887, 19, p. 10) mentions that between the type and specimens "from Haiti there is apparently little difference." This is perfectly true; but there can be no doubt that M. C. Z., No. 3,616, four specimens said to have been taken at Jeremie, Haiti, by Weinland, are really not from Haiti. The catalogue refers to their having had an "old number"; and probably in the process of re-

cataloguing, or while sent to Cope for identification, they may have been mixed with Weinland's collection, and finally labeled "Haiti."

***Ameiva atrata* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, **19**, p. 8.

This is a distinct species, related to *A. corvina*, but confined, so far as known, to the island of Redonda. The type is M. C. Z., No. 6,084.

***Ameiva analifera* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Amer. philos. soc., 1869, **11**, p. 158.

This species is allied to *A. pleei*, of Martinique, and through it to *A. surinamensis*. The types came from St. Martins and St. Bartholomew. The Museum has a number from the latter island.

***Ameiva garmani*, sp. nov.**

Type:—No. 6,141, M. C. Z., Anguilla, F. Lagois, collector.

In 1887 Garman noted, but did not describe, this specimen from Anguilla as a variety of *A. analifera* Cope. A re-examination of the specimens of Cope's *A. analifera*, from St. Bartholomew, shows that *A. garmani* differs from the other examples in several characters which the series from St. Bartholomew show to be constant. These differences, taken in connection with the very markedly different coloration, prove that the Anguilla form constitutes a distinctly valid species. In species of *Ameiva*, the unvarying color pattern and color of individuals of the same age is an excellent diagnostic character.

Ameiva garmani is similar to *A. analifera* Cope, but differs in the following characters:—median gulars larger on the average in *A. garmani* than in *A. analifera*, and differently arranged, in that large and small scales occur irregularly, while in the St. Bartholomew specimens the scales are evenly graded in size, and are regularly arranged. In *A. garmani*, the largest of the outer tibials is very different in size from that of the other species, being not only larger, but having its vertical and horizontal dimensions almost equal, while in the other specimens this scale is much longer than high. There are corresponding differences in size and position of the other enlarged tibials owing to their filling an area about a scale of such different character. As Garman (Bull. Essex inst., 1887, **19**, p. 10) said, this species is "easily distinguished" from its ally "by the color; lighter brown anteriorly, with large light gray or olive spots posteriorly, which gives the hind legs the appearance of being gray reticulated with brown," in-

stead of dark brown with gray fleckings as seen in the other species. The tail is light brown, much blotched with gray, and with scattered black dots covering a scale each, instead of dark brown with quite widely scattered light specks.

***Ameiva erythrops* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1871, p. 221.

Garman remarks that this form "is not entitled to more than varietal distinction"; nevertheless, owing to the fact that this is an insular race, and that there can never be any geographic continuity of ranges, a binomial is employed for its designation. It is confined to St. Eustatius. Boulenger (Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 359) considers this a synonym of Gray's *A. punctata* and *A. major*, for he considers these both one species. The types of these forms came from the Guianas, and those examined by Duméril and Bibron (Erpét. gén., 1839, 5, p. 117) came from Cayenne and Trinidad; so that this species may be at once erased from the Antillean list, as specimens from Guiana and St. Eustatius might reasonably be surmised to be specifically distinct.

***Ameiva erythrocephala* (DAUDIN).**

DAUDIN, Hist. nat. rept., 1802, 3, p. 22. GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, 19, p. 9.

Daudin expressly states that his description is based on specimens from the island of St. Christopher, whence came the large series upon which Garman reported. Boulenger in the Zoological record for 1887, says that this is what he called *A. punctata*. I have discussed this mainland species under *A. erythrops* Cope (*ante*). If this lizard from St. Eustatius should prove to be the same as that from St. Christopher, then Daudin's name is applicable for both, a fact which Boulenger overlooked when writing the catalogue. There are no specimens from St. Eustatius in the collection; but from description, I judge the species found there to be distinct, though very closely related.

***Ameiva pleii* DUMÉRIL et BIBRON.**

DUMÉRIL ET BIBRON, Erpét. gén., 1839, 5, p. 114. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 354.

A species confined to Martinique. It is related to the South American *A. surinamensis*.

***Ameiva pluvianotata* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, 19, p. 6.

A beautiful species, from Montserrat. The types are M. C. Z., No. 6,086.

***Ameiva fuscata* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, **19**, p. 5.

This fine lizard is confined to the island of Dominica. The types are M. C. Z., No. 6,087. Günther (Ann. mag. nat. hist., 1888, ser. 6, **2**, p. 363) says of this species, "Closely allied to *A. surinamensis*; the Dominica form may be kept distinct on account of the modified scutellation of the fore and hind feet. The large scutes of the forearm are separated from the rows of scutella of the toes by broad areas of very minute scales." From this, it will be seen that the species is a very distinct one.

***Ameiva aquilina* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, **19**, p. 3.

This species is really close to *A. surinamensis*, as would be expected from the situation of the islands which this species inhabits, Grenada and St. Vincent. The greater number of femoral pores and a number of other characters, some of which, though perhaps not all, may be found diagnostic in each individual, so that the specimens may always be separated quite easily. The types are M. C. Z., No. 6,088 and 6,089.

Dr. Allen procured eight specimens, mostly about St. George, Grenada. He was told by local observers that some years ago the species almost disappeared on account of the mongoose, but that at the present time it appeared to be gaining considerably in numbers. This is very interesting, since I learned in Jamaica that exactly the same thing had occurred there, with *Ameiva dorsalis* Gray. This would indicate that some sort of a balance is being reached, compensating for the introduction of the mongoose. The lizards may have gradually changed their habits, though this does not appear from field observations; or they may have grown shy. They are certainly very wary now, and can usually be got only by shooting.

***Tiaporus fuliginosus* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Amer. philos. soc., 1892, **30**, p. 132, pl.

This lizard, which Cope states stands in the same relation to *Ameiva* as *Monoplocus* does to *Centropyx*, is said to have been found only on Swan Island. The monotypic genus is thus very narrowly restricted. I had the opportunity to study the types at the U. S. national museum, by the courtesy of Dr. Stejneger.

Since this was written Mr. George Nelson has made several collecting trips to Swan Islands. He reports that no such lizard as this *Ameiva*-like *Tiaporus* exists on the Islands. The Jamaicans and Cayman Islanders living at Swan

Island do not know of any such species, though they are thoroughly familiar with the local fauna. This ground inhabiting species has probably been exterminated by the introduced cats. No cats are found feral upon Little Swan Island, only upon Swan Island, but the lizard may have occurred upon this island only.

Scolecosaurus alleni, sp. nov.

Plate, fig. 11-15.

The fact that this curious burrowing teiid genus occurred on Grenada was first made known by Garman (Bull. Essex inst., 1887, 19, p. 12). He obtained a single specimen there, and identified it with *Scolecosaurus cuvieri* Fitz. As a matter of fact, this name should really stand as *Scolecosaurus cuvieri* (Dum. and Bibr.), all previous references to the species being *nomina nuda*, or unrecognizable descriptions. A careful examination of the seven specimens obtained by Allen and Brues shows that, as might well be expected, the Grenadian examples really are distinct from those which Duméril and Bibron described; and which came from Colombia. It is said to occur in Venezuela, and more recently it has been recorded from Trinidad by Mole and Ulrich (Journ. Trinidad field. nat. club, 1894, 2, p. 82). Specimens collected recently by Dr. Thaxter enable me to compare the species from Grenada and Trinidad.

Type.—No. 7,793, M. C. Z., an adult, St. George's, Grenada, G. M. Allen, collector.

Upper head shields consisting of a pentagonal internasal, a pair of prefrontals forming a short suture, a frontal considerably longer than broad, heptagonal, a pair of large parietals, a narrow quadrangular interparietal of equal length, and four supraoculars. Nasal more than twice as broad as high; loreal about one half the size of nasal; the longest infraorbital in contact with the third, fourth, and fifth supralabials; eight temporals; six upper labials, third and last largest, and of almost equal size; six lower labials; mental equal in size to one of the first pair of labials next to it; first pair of chin shields posterior to the large postmental, forming a wide suture; collar shields enlarged, eight in number. Twenty-eight scales around middle of body, and forty from occiput to base of tail; ventrals somewhat longer than broad, forming eight longitudinal series, and twenty-six transverse series from the two enlarged pectorals to the preanals; these are four in number, and the median posterior is the smallest. Tail long, rounded at the end; covered with imbricate elongate hexagonal scales, the upper smooth, the lower carinated. Reddish brown above, lighter beneath. Varia-

tions:— Some specimens show traces of a light, dark-bordered lateral line on the body, in several this is fairly distinct on the tail. There is considerable variation in the supralabials; in one, the fifth and sixth are of about equal size and slightly larger than the third. This specimen has but five infralabials.

This species may be distinguished from *S. cuvieri* (Dum. & Bibr.) by the possession of any one or more of the following characters (they may not all be unvarying or equally diagnostic in the same individual):— The frontal is usually distinctly longer than broad; the last supralabial is not the largest; there are more than four infralabials; the dark-bordered light line is almost never present on the body, but it may be evident on the tail. Duméril and Bibron (Erpét. gén., 1839, 5, p. 455) speak of seven upper labials of which the fifth is a scalene triangle; in *S. alleni* the fifth is pentagonal. Boulenger mentions but six upper labials; it is somewhat difficult to determine just where labials end and contour scales begin. Again, Duméril and Bibron characterize the Colombian specimens as having twenty-six rows of scales, and six rows of ventrals. Boulenger, Garman, and I all agree on twenty-eight rows about the middle of the body.

Except Trinidad, Grenada is the only island in the West Indies where this genus is found.

Scolecosaurus trinitatis, sp. nov.

Type: — No. 8,947, M. C. Z., an adult, Caparo, Trinidad, A. B. Carr, collector. Found under fallen cocoa pods. Eight paratypes bear the same data.

The collection given recently by Professor Thaxter contains nine of these lizards from Trinidad and ten from Grenada. For the first time it is possible to compare a series from these islands. They represent a new species closely related, both seeming to differ in the same manner from the Columbian *S. cuvieri*. In describing the previous species I have pointed out these different characters. In Grenadian specimens the prefrontals, form a short suture, this is the condition which the published records also indicate for the mainland specimens. The specimens from Trinidad, on the other hand, seem to have the prefrontals invariably well separated, and not forming a suture. The series of nine all show this condition. Thus, even if it should not prove to be absolutely constant it is at least the characteristic condition and as the opposite seems equally constant in the Grenadian specimens; the Trinidad form is entitled to specific rank.

Gymnophthalmus pleii BOCOURT.

BOCOURT, Miss. sci. Mex. Reptil., 1881, p. 473, pl. 22, H, fig. 3. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus. 19, 1885, 2, p. 429.

Garman (Bull. Essex inst., 1887, 19, p. 12) records the capture of this species at Martinique, the type locality, and at St. Lucia, whence *G. luetkenii* is supposed to have come. He says, "Bocourt gives St. Lucia as the locality for *G. luetkenii*; we failed to secure a specimen in all our collecting."

Boulenger (Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1891, p. 353) writes: "Like Mr. Garman I find the St. Lucia specimens to be referable to *G. pleii*, described by Bocourt as from Martinique, and not to *G. luetkenii*, of the same author, from St. Lucia."

It is thus evident that this species, *G. pleii*, is apparently the only one found on both islands, in which case the locality for the type of the other species was undoubtedly incorrect.

Amphisbaena punctata BELL.

BELL, Zool. journ., 1828, 3, p. 236. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 450, pl. 23, fig. 3.

This little-known species is recorded only from Cuba. I succeeded in procuring two specimens, one at San Diego de los Baños, and the other near Herradura. Both were turned out in ploughing. This species grows to be larger and is much more light colored in life than the following. The few specimens of this genus which I saw in the Museums in Havana all belonged to this species. It may be confined to the region from the Province of Matanzas, west to Pinar del Rio.

Amphisbaena cubana PETERS.

PETERS, Monatsb. Akad. wiss. Berlin, 1878, p. 780, pl. —, fig. 4. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 446.

Stejneger has discussed the question as to the distinctness of this species under the heading of *A. caeca* in Porto Rico (Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 676). There can be but little doubt of its distinctness. It is confined to Cuba.

Since the above was written I have been able to examine twenty-six specimens obtained by following plows in the cane fields of the Soledad estate, near Cienfuegos. All of these have the ocular fused with the second labial, so that there can be no doubt as to the stability of this character. Boulenger was inclined to regard this condition as anomalous and to unite this species with *A. caeca*. There is, however, no reason whatever for doing this. In the region about Cienfuegos, where these specimens were found I did not find a single

example of *A. punctata*. The people, however, led me to believe that another "Culebrita ciega" occurred which was not *Typhlops lumbricalis*. The latter is often called "vibora."

***Amphisbaena innocens* WEINLAND.**

WEINLAND, Abh. Senck. naturf. gesellsch., 1862, 4, p. 137, pl. 5, fig. 2.

Weinland states that he captured three specimens near Jeremie, Haiti; and at the end of the description says that one was sent to the Berlin Museum,—whether before or after the description was written does not appear. At any rate it is quite certain that M. C. Z., No. 3,624 and 3,625 are the other two specimens of the three captured, since they bear the label "Jeremie, Haiti, collected by Dr. D. F. Weinland." They were received when the Weinland collection was purchased during Louis Agassiz's administration.

Regarding the distinctness of this species from *A. caeca* I can only say that both specimens have two instead of three scales behind the unpaired postmental, and that their number of body rings is low, 212 and 213. Since these characters fall within the range of what Stejneger (Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 677) has suggested is probably diagnostic for the species, there can be no doubt but that there is now sufficient evidence as to the stability of these characters to make it quite certain that this is a valid species.

In the Zoological record for 1865 (p. 149) Günther, after reviewing Gray's Catalogue of the Amphisbaenidae, which appeared that year, makes the note that "we understand that the *A. innocens* (Weinland) has been previously described." Gray (Cat. shield rept., 1872, 2, p. 38), although admitting this species to his list, repeats that it is "understood to be previously described." It is difficult to understand how this apparently erroneous idea can have arisen, unless some obscure publication has escaped all recent herpetologists.

Since all the above was written Mann's collection has brought a typical example from Manneville, Haiti. This shows all the peculiar characters of the types.

***Amphisbaena manni*, sp. nov.**

Type: — No. 8,645, M. C. Z., Cape Haitien, Haiti, W. M. Mann, collector. Three paratypes from the same locality.

This is the Haitian representative of *A. caeca* of Porto Rico. It resembles this species in having a similar arrangement of head and chin shields. The series shows that this condition is quite unstable but probably equally so in *A. caeca*. The number of dorsal and ventral segments of a single annulus of scutes is the

same in both species being 16 above and 18 below. The species, however, really differ widely, in that *A. manni* has eight femoral pores and *A. caeca* only four. The new Haitian form has a greater number of rings on the tail, 24, against an average of 17. The number of body rings is high, 227. This is exceeded by an occasional specimen from Porto Rico.

The paratypes show that the number of femoral pores is regularly high. Two having eight and the other (abnormal in other respects) but seven. The tail rings number twenty-three to twenty-five except in this abnormal example in which the tail is much reduced there being only seven rings. It shows no sign of injury and is probably simply malformed. It is hard to imagine how an *Amphisbaena* could have had its tail accidentally removed.

The apparent anomaly in distribution presented by the fact that there were two species of *Amphisbaena* on Cuba and Porto Rico and but one on Haiti is now cleared up. Before Mr. Mann left for Haiti I suggested that diligent search would reveal a new *Amphisbaena*, and it is fitting that it should bear his name.

***Amphisbaena caeca* CUVIER.**

CUVIER, Reg. anim., 1829, 2, p. 73. STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 676, fig. 129-132.

The habits, habitat, and relationships of this species have been fully discussed by Stejneger. The species is confined to Porto Rico.

***Amphisbaena bakeri* STEJNEGER.**

STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 681, fig. 183.

A well-defined species, confined to Porto Rico where its distribution seems to be very local. The only specimens known which bear a definite locality record are from Lares. This is in sharp contradistinction to the distribution of *A. caeca*, which occurs widespread over the entire island.

***Amphisbaena fenestrata* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1861, p. 76. BOULENGER, Cat. lizards Brit. mus., 1885, 2, p. 449.

This distinct species is confined to the Virgin Islands. The types came from St. Thomas and St. Croix. It has since been recorded from St. John, which with St. Thomas formed the type locality of the synonymous species, *A. antillensis* Reinhardt & Lütken.

Mabuya spilonota WIEGMANN.

WIEGMANN, Arch. f. naturg., 1837, p. 135.

This Jamaican species should bear this name, as has been shown by Stejneger, who agrees with Garman as to its validity. (Stejneger, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 608). This is the species of which I (Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, 52, p. 299) gave a short account regarding its habits, abundance, and distribution, unfortunately using the name *M. sloanii*, inadvertently following Garman instead of Stejneger, although the latter is obviously correct in the application of these names.

Mabuya sloanii (DAUDIN).

DAUDIN, Hist. nat. rept., 1803, 4, p. 287, pl. 55, fig. 2. STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 608, fig. 56-58.

Stejneger (*loc. cit.*) has given excellent reasons for using this name for the Porto Rican Mabuya, and also for considering this form distinct from that upon Jamaica. This species, in common with its other generic relatives, is one of the very first species to succumb to the ravages of the mongoose. In Porto Rico it was so rare that Stejneger and the other naturalists with him did not find a single example. This has been the experience of many other collectors upon other islands. A regrettable fact since large series of specimens are particularly desirable to settle definitely the many questions regarding variation within the species of these variable forms, and to determine how distinct the various insular races really are.

The range of *Mabuya sloanii* comprises the islands of Vieques, Porto Rico, Mona, St. Thomas, St. John, Just van Dyke, St. Croix, and besides this the limited material indicates that Haitian specimens should be referred to the same species.

Mabuya mabouia DUMÉRIL ET BIBRON.

DUMÉRIL et BIBRON, Erpét. gén., 1839, 5, p. 646. GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, 19, p. 52.

The specimens in the Museum are from Martinique. The describers state that they have received it also from Guadeloupe. It is not probable, however, that the scincs upon these two islands should be alike, and those upon Dominica different, when the latter island lies exactly between them.

Mabuya lanceolata COPE.

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 187.

This species was based upon Barbadian specimens collected by Theodore Gill. I have seen no specimens and cannot comment upon the validity of the species.

Mabuya dominicana GARMAN.

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, 19, p. 52.

"Mr. Garman describes specimens from Dominica as a distinct species, said to be distinguished from *M. agilis* by having the supranasals separate from each other, and possessing from 68 to 72 scales in a series between the chin and vent. His *M. agilis* is stated to have the supranasals in contact with each other and only 54 or 56 scales between chin and vent.

The eight adult specimens from Dominica before me vary in both these respects; some have the supranasals in contact, others not. Between chin and vent there are 60 scales in two, 62 in one, 63 in two, and 64, 65, and 67 severally in single specimens. Therefore the characters on which Mr. Garman based his distinction are in these specimens so obviously variable that no herpetologist will place any reliance upon them.

But to prove the variability of these characters in this species beyond further dispute I took from a gravid female six embryos, all fully developed and about half the length of the mother. The mother had the supranasals in contact with each other and 62 scales between chin and vent. Of her progeny two had the supranasals as in the mother, in three they were separate from each other, whilst one might be assigned to either category. The scales on the abdomen are in 57 rows in two of these embryos and in 61, 62, 65, and 66 rows severally in their brothers.

Specific distinctions in these days are held to be, and often may be, matters of individual opinion and, as a rule, I abstain from entering into any discussion about them; but they sometimes have a direct bearing upon wider and more important questions. In this case any one studying the distribution of reptiles over the West Indies would, by relying on statements such as are propounded by Mr. Garman in his recent publications on West-Indian reptiles, be misled into the view of a more complete isolation and specialization of the faunas of the various islands than obtains in reality. He states in fact in this instance that the widely distributed *Mabuia agilis* has been sufficiently differentiated in Dominica to form a distinct species or whatever it may be called, whilst the examination of even a small number of examples disproves this statement. Distinctive characters, no matter how trivial they appear to be, become important enough to the systematic zoologist if they be found constant in a number of specimens and correlated to some other point of the life of an animal; but unless this has been ascertained to be the fact, their indiscriminate use impedes rather than advances zoology."

Günther's remarks, which I have quoted at length, apply far better to his own attitude than to that of Garman; he has not shown at all that the range of variation for *M. dominica*, which he had increased, touches the range for that of *M. agilis*; while the average condition seen in the two categories of individuals show how distinct they are. Invidious remarks regarding the sense of specific discrimination are always dangerous.

The types are M. C. Z., No. 6,049.

***Mabuya luciae* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, **19**, p. 51. BOULENGER, Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1891, p. 353.

While considering this species as a variety of *M. agilis*, Boulenger admits its subspecific rank. For the sake of consistency it is here considered a full species; there being, however, obviously no question as to its origin from this mainland species. It occurs upon St. Lucia. The types are M. C. Z., No. 6,046.

***Mabuya aenea* GRAY.**

GRAY, Griffiths Cuvier's Animal kingdom, 1831, **9**, Syn. reptil., p. 70. GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1887, **19**, p. 53.

Garman considers specimens from St. Vincent, Grenada, and Trinidad distinct from *M. aurata* Schneider, from southern Central America to Brazil. Boulenger (Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1891, p. 355) considers the Antillean specimens referable to the latter species. If, when it becomes possible to study large series, the characters which Garman points out are found to be constant, then each of the two groups of individuals will be obviously entitled to hold specific rank.

***Typhlops lumbricalis* LINNÉ.**

LINNÉ, Syst. nat. ed. 10, 1758, **1**, p. 228. STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 684.

This species extends from the region of the Guianas to both the Lesser and Greater Antilles. It has long been known from many islands, among them Dominica, St. Kitts, Antigua, the Virgin Islands, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mona, Porto Rico, Haiti, Jamaica, Cuba, and some of the Bahamas. In the latter group it was first recorded by Cope (Proc. U. S. nat. mus., 1887, **10**, p. 439) from Great Abaco. In 1904 I found it again on the same island (Bull. M. C. Z., 1904, **46**, p. 59). Curiously enough it was not found on either New Providence or Andros Island until Rosén collected specimens at both localities (Rosén, Lunds univ. arsskrift, 1911, **7**, no. 5, p. 37). In Cuba and Jamaica its distribution is very wide, and I have found it at practically every station visited.

Typhlops pusillus, sp. nov.

Type: — No. 8,719, M. C. Z., Cape Haitien, Haiti, W. M. Mann, collector. Four paratypes, two from Grand Riviere, one from Cape Haitien and one from Ennery, Haiti.

Similar to *T. lumbricalis* in color and number of rows of scales, which are twenty in number, but widely different from this and the other West Indian species in details of cephalic squamation.

Snout depressed and somewhat projecting; nostrils below lateral horizontal edge; rostral a little less than two sevenths the width of the head, not extending backward to the line of the eyes; details of head shields as shown in drawings. Scales in twenty rows; about 370 scales on midventral line from chin to vent, and nineteen under tail, which ends in a spine. Color brown; edges of scales darker than their centres; ventral surfaces cream color. Size of type, about five inches.



Top and side view of head of type enlarged six times.

Typhlops tenuis SALVIN.

SALVIN, Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1860, p. 454. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, **1**, p. 28. ROSÉN, Lunds univ. arsskrift, 1911, **7**, no. 5, p. 37.

Rosén found a single specimen which he identified with this species at Mastic Point, Andros Island. It had, however, twenty-two rows of scales about the body instead of eighteen; and as this character is not variable among many Typhlopidae, *T. tenuis* among them, there is ground for reasonable doubt as to the correct identification of the species. Rosén does not mention that he had other specimens for comparison. The species is one which ranges through southern Mexico and Guatemala.

Typhlops rostellatus STEJNEGER.

STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 686, figs. 146–147.

A species peculiar to Porto Rico, which upon that island takes the place of its close relation, *T. platycephalus* Duméril & Bibron from Martinique, and *T. dominicana* Stejneger from Dominica. There yet remain many islands from which representatives of this group of species have not yet been described, but upon which they undoubtedly exist.

Typhlops platycephalus DUMÉRIL ET BIBRON.

DUMÉRIL ET BIBRON, *Erpét. gén.*, 1844, **6**, p. 293.

A species sent from Martinique by Plée to the Paris museum. It is confined to the island, and is very rare in collections; of its abundance on the island nothing is known.

Typhlops dominicana STEJNEGER.

STEJNEGER, *Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904*, p. 687.

Stejneger has shown that Boulenger's description (*Cat. snakes Brit. mus.*, 1893, **1**, p. 30) of *T. platycephalus* Duméril & Bibron, based on specimens from Dominica, differs in important characters from the original description based on specimens from Martinique. He then proposes for the species apparently confined to Dominica, of which in 1893 there were four specimens in the British museum, the name *Typhlops dominicana*.

Leptotyphlops albifrons (WAGLER).

WAGLER, *Spix's Serp. Braz.*, 1824, p. 68, pl. 25, fig. 3. BOULENGER, *Cat. snakes Brit. mus.*, 1893, **1**, p. 63.

This very widely distributed species, besides being recorded as distributed on the Tropical American mainland, has been recorded in the Antilles from Watlings Island, Grenada, and Antigua. It doubtless ranges widely through the Lesser Antillean chain. Recently Mr. Nelson has brought back a series of eight specimens from Swan Islands. He reports it common there and found in the leaf mould of the forest, it is often seen in broad day light crawling about in paths and clearings.

Leptotyphlops bilineata (Schlegel).

SCHLEGEL, *Abbild. Amphib.*, 1844, p. 36, pl. 32, fig. 5-6. BOULENGER, *Cat. snakes Brit. mus.*, 1893, **1**, p. 70.

Recorded originally by Duméril and Bibron (*Erpét. gén.*, 1844, **6**, pp. 331) from Martinique and Guadeloupe. There was also a specimen from Barbados in the British museum. The snake is apparently rare, and is seldom found by collectors.

Epicrates subflavus STEJNEGER.

STEJNEGER, *Proc. U. S. nat. mus.*, 1901, **23**, p. 469-470.

The Jamaican yellow boa was only separated in 1901, after very many years of confusion with the Porto Rican species, *E. inornatus*. It has been almost exterminated by the ravages of the mongoose (*Herpestes birmanicus*

(Thomas)), and while excessively rare on Jamaica, is said to still be quite abundant on Goat Island, not far from Old Harbor. It probably still occurs along with the Iguana (*Cyclura collei* Gray) in the Heathshire Hills, in the southern part of the island.

***Epicrates striatus* (FISCHER).**

FISCHER, Abhandl. Naturh. ver. Hamburg, 1856, **3**, p. 102, pl. 2, fig. 2. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, **1**, p. 96-97. STEJNEGER, The Bahama Islands, 1905, p. 336.

This species occurs on San Domingo, New Providence, and Andros. In 1904 I mentioned Bahaman specimens under the name of *E. strigilatus* Cope; since that time I have been able to compare much additional material, and now subscribe to the views of Boulenger, Stejneger, and, more recently, Rosén, that the San Domingan and Bahaman individuals are conspecific (Barbour, Amer. nat., 1906, **40**, p. 230).

***Epicrates monensis* ZENNECK.**

ZENNECK, Zeit. wiss. zool., 1898, **64**, p. 64, pl. 3, fig. 58-62. STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus., for 1902, 1904, p. 692.

This boa, confined to Mona Island is one of a number of small species whose status and relationships are as yet more or less enigmatical.

***Epicrates chrysogaster* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Amer. philos. soc., 1871, **11**, p. 557. STEJNEGER, The Bahama Islands, 1905, p. 335.

Stejneger has pointed out that this species should be kept separate from its ally, *E. fordii* (Günther), from Haiti, on account of having forty-three rows of scales, and fifty-four dorsal spots, whereas *E. fordii* has 33-37 scale rows, and 69-78 dorsal spots. It is confined to Turk's Island, and is also very closely related to the preceding.

***Epicrates fordii* (GÜNTHER).**

GÜNTHER, Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1861, p. 142, pl. 23. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, **1**, p. 98.

Boulenger unites this species with the preceding, but probably this form from Haiti is not really the same as the Turk's Island species. More material is badly needed of all these boas.

***Epicrates inornatus* (REINHARDT).**

REINHARDT, Danske vid. selsk. Afhandl., 1843, **10**, p. 253. STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 688.

This boa, closely related to the Jamaican yellow boa, and but recently recognized as distinct, is confined to Porto Rico. It has grown very rare, and recent collectors have had great difficulty in procuring specimens.

***Epicrates gracilis* (FISCHER).**

FISCHER, Jahrb. Hamburg, wiss. anst., 1888, 5, p. 35, pl. 3, fig. 8. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, 1, p. 98.

This boa, which is said to be "blackish gray, somewhat lighter on the belly," and having "six longitudinal series of small black spots," has evidently a type of coloration very different from other species in the genus. Boulenger suggests that it is "closely allied" to *E. fordii*; but to judge from the description, they seem to be very unlike. This is evidently a rare species, since up to 1893 no specimens had found their way to the British museum. It was described from San Domingo, yet none of the collections from that island in the Museum contain specimens.

***Epicrates angulifer* BIBRON.**

BIBRON, Sagra's Hist. Cuba. Rept., 1843, p. 215, pl. 25. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, 1, p. 96.

The "majase," or "maja," as the Cuban boa is called locally, is still common in many regions of the island. Miller, quoting Palmer's field notes (Proc. U. S. nat. mus., 1904, 27, p. 346) says, in speaking of the great bat caves about Baracoa and Guanajay, "The people of the neighborhood assured me that the majas (the Cuban boa, *Epicrates angulifer*) coil themselves among these roots [of the trees near the mouth of the cave], and grab at the bats as they fly out. I was told that a snake frequently secures a bat in this manner." I have also heard this tale.

This is far the largest member of the genus. It grows commonly to be twelve feet long and to be as large in circumference as any boa, or as a Python of far greater length. Gundlach records individuals of five and seven yards length. Such specimens would be excessively rare now owing to the persecution which the species has undergone with the increasing population and cultivation of the island. I got two living specimens near Havana, which were singularly intractable; and the species is characterized by its very bad temper. I have seen other specimens elsewhere. It is wide spread and common.

***Boa hortulana* LINNÉ.**

LINNÉ, Syst. nat. ed. 10, 1758, 1, p. 215. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, 1, p. 101-102.

Dr. Allen brought back three examples of this arboreal species, all of them taken near St. George's. Garman (Proc. Amer. philos. soc., 1887, 24, p. 279) records specimens from Trinidad, Grenada, St. Vincent, and the Grenadines.

He shows how excessively these vary in color, his three examples from Grenada differing much from one another. The same is true of Allen's specimens. There is, then, no evidence, either in squamation, or coloration, of the formation of a local race of this species upon Grenada. Boulenger (Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1891, p. 355-356) records the finding of specimens on St. Vincent and Beecquia. No mention, however, was made of these specimens in the Catalogue of snakes in the British museum, the last volume of which, with addenda, did not appear until 1896.

***Boa grenadensis*, sp. nov.**

Type.— No. 7,991, M. C. Z., St. George's, Grenada, August 29, 1910, G. M. Allen, collector. Another example, taken August 20, No. 7,990, M. C. Z., is a cotype.

Boulenger (Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, 1, p. 100) records four specimens of what he calls *Corallus cookii* var. C. from Grenada. These alone, among all his series, are characterized by being yellowish brown above, uniform or with mere traces of dark markings; belly yellow, without spots. Allen brought back two examples, both from St. George's, Grenada; and as these agree in coloration with what Boulenger has described, there can hardly be reasonable doubt but that a local race, with characteristic color, has become differentiated upon this island. The scale counts for Boulenger's specimens follow:—

$$41_{101}^{268}, 43_{109}^{270}, 41_{105}^{264}, 43_{105}^{253}$$

The type, M. C. Z., No. 7,991, counts 45_{114}^{270} , while the other example has 43 scale rows, but was damaged so that the other counts can not be made. The range for these six is, then, $41-45_{101-114}^{253-270}$. This does not vary far from a similar series from other localities. Garman did not find this snake on Grenada. According to Allen, it is known locally as "sarpint" in contradistinction to "snake," this latter name being confined to the Racer. For the use of *Boa* instead of *Corallus* consult Stejneger, Proc. U. S. nat. mus., 1902, 24, p. 184.

***Tropidophis melanura* SCHLEGEL.**

SCHLEGEL, Essai phys. serps., 1837, 2, p. 399. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, 1, p. 111.

Stejneger (The Bahama Islands, 1905, p. 336) states that *Tropidophis* takes precedence over *Ungualia*, since the former was based on Schlegel's *Boa melanura* by Bibron in 1840, and thus antedates Gray's *Ungualia* by two years.

This species is not uncommon, and I found it and heard of its regular occurrence in just one lurking place. A number of specimens were found in various localities on Soledad estate, near Cienfuegos, Cuba, always hidden in the rolled

up 'yaguas,' expanded bases of the leaves of royal and cocoanut palms. Where there is a grove of these trees in an orchard or some other wooded locality, the curled up fallen leaves will often be found to contain this snake. I never, however, came across a specimen where the leaves fell so as to be exposed to the full force of the sun. The species is strictly nocturnal and evidently does not prowl about in the open, unwooded country.

The Museum had several specimens from "Cuba" before the receipt of the series from Soledad in 1912. In 1913 I had a fine series of well-preserved examples given me by Mr. C. T. Ramsden who took them in the region about Guantanamo. In addition to the bluish and reddish phases of coloration two of these are clear unmarked light buff. This species is evidently the most variable in coloration of any in the genus.

***Tropidophis pardalis* (GUNDLACH).**

GUNDLACH, Archiv. naturg., 1840, **1**, p. 359. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, **1**, p. 113. STEJNEGER, the Bahama Islands, 1905, p. 336.

The Bahaman "thunder snake" has been referred to *T. maculata* by Cope, but incorrectly, as I have identified specimens with this species (Bull. M. C. Z., 1904, **46**, p. 59; Amer. nat., 1906, **40**, p. 230) from New Providence; and Stejneger has since agreed to this identification.

The species has been found on Cuba, New Providence, Andros, and Eleuthera Islands.

A specimen No. 6,114, M. C. Z. from Cuba, is labeled in Garman's hand as *Ungalia curta*, and probably served him as the type of that species. He gave Cuba as the locality, and this is the only Cuban specimen having such a label.

The species is a synonym of the above.

I did not meet with this species during my collecting trips in Cuba.

***Tropidophis maculata* (BIBRON).**

BIBRON, Sagra's Hist. Cuba. Rept., 1843, p. 212, pl. 24. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, **1**, p. 112.

This species may possibly be a composite one. Cope held that Haitian individuals were distinct from others, and proposed for them the name of *T. haetiana*. They have not been shown to be really different. Nevertheless, at present only a few specimens have been recorded from the islands where the species occurs, and large series will unfortunately be increasingly difficult to obtain. In Cuba the species is far from common, while on Jamaica and Haiti the mongoose is already omnipresent. The snake is also recorded from the

island of Navassa, where the mongoose has probably not been introduced. In Jamaica I found it extremely rare, and got only one specimen, the mongoose being undoubtedly responsible for its scarcity. From Haiti the Museum has but two specimens. From Cuba there are three, two from Havana and one from Soledad, near Cienfuegos. While the specimens from each of these localities show certain peculiar characteristics in coloration, their squamation does not vary definitely. The series from Jamaica, Haiti, and Cuba seems to belong to the same species.

Mr. Mann's recent collection contains three specimens from Cape Haitien and one from Diquini, Haiti. In only one is the interparietal present as Cope supposed is always the case with Haitian examples. In three examples the scale rows number 27 and in one 25, in none 29. This is the number also declared a character of *T. haetiana*. Nevertheless much more material is needed to show that the place modes do not differ with series from the several islands. I may be quite wrong and inconsistent in not allowing *T. haetiana* to stand separately but there is not much proof of its distinctness.

***Tropidophis semicincta* (GUNDLACH & PETERS).**

GUNDLACH & PETERS, Monatsb. Akad. wiss. Berlin, 1864, p. 388. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, **1**, p. 113.

Apparently a very rare species, confined to Cuba. Unfortunately I was unable to obtain a single specimen of this species. There is a fine example in the Gundlach collection in the Instituto de Segunda Enseñanza at Havana, and two in the U. S. national museum at Washington.

***Tropidophis conjuncta* FISCHER.**

FISCHER, Jahresb. Hamb. wiss. anst., 1888, **5**, p. 31, pl. 3, fig. 5. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, **1**, p. 113.

Another obscure and little-known species, confined to San Domingo.

***Tropidophis cana* (COPE).**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1868, p. 129. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, **1**, p. 114.

A very distinct species confined to the island of Inagua in the southern Bahamas.

***Constrictor orophias* (LINNÉ).**

LINNÉ, Syst. nat. ed. 10, 1758, **1**, p. 215. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, **1**, p. 118.

Stejneger, in showing that for these large tree snakes the generic name *Constrictor* should be used instead of the long-established *Boa*, remarked at the

same time that Linné's *Boa orophias* was the same species as that named *Constrictor diviniloquus* by Laurenti (1768). The latter name, variously spelled, has usually been used for the Lesser Antillean Constrictor. Boulenger had, in 1893, specimens in the British museum from St. Lucia, Dominica, and Trinidad. The Philadelphia Zoological garden has had one said to have been taken upon St. Kitts.

Andersson (Bihang K. Svensk. vet.-akad. Handl., 1899, 24, afd. 4, no. 6, p. 33) also shows that the type of Linné's *Boa orophias* is the same as the later named *diviniloqua*.

Tretanorhinus variabilis DUMÉRIL ET BIBRON.

DUMÉRIL et BIBRON, Erpét. gén., 1854, 7, p. 349, pl. 80, fig. 4. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1893, 1, p. 282.

This species is the Cuban representative of a small genus, the other two species of which occur in Central America. It is a strictly aquatic snake which never leaves the water. It is not uncommon about ponds and rivers, both rushing and sluggish. It does not often sun itself, but remains for the most part hidden in dense aquatic vegetation or among and under loose stones. The natives all say that it is nocturnal and that they often meet it in rivers swimming about when they are fording the streams by night. It is a difficult species to find, but is undoubtedly rather common and widespread. I have specimens from near Cienfuegos and San Diego de los Baños while I saw others near Pinar del Rio city, and near Herradura. It is called "catibo," and I often heard of it by this name in other parts of the island. In 1913 I caught it in the Rio Tana, Ingenio "San Ramon," not far from Manzanillo.

Drymobius boddaertii (SENTZEN).

SENTZEN, Meyer's Zool. arch., 1796, 2, p. 59. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, 2, p. 11.

Recorded by Boulenger from St. Vincent. A species common and widespread on the mainland (Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1891, p. 355). In the Catalogue (*loc. cit.*) Boulenger mentions a specimen from Grenada sent by this Museum to the British museum. Garman collected examples only on St. Vincent, to judge by his paper on West Indian snakes (Proc. Amer. philos. soc., 1887, 24, p. 284). I can find no Grenadian examples in the Museum now, and Garman would not have been likely to have sent the only one from this locality to London. Neither Dr. Allen nor Mr. Brues, in their recent exploration of Grenada, saw or heard of this species, so that in all probability the British museum's snake came from Kingston, St. Vincent, apparently the only island where Garman found the

species, and perhaps the only island where it occurs. It would certainly be natural to expect this species upon Grenada, and perhaps its absence there may be laid to the account of the mongoose, as may also be the case with other species which might be expected upon this island.

***Herpetodryas carinatus* (LINNÉ).**

LINNÉ, Syst. nat., ed. 10, 1758, **1**, p. 223. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, **2**, p. 73.

This mainland species has been recorded from the island of Guadeloupe, and Boulenger says that he has compared this specimen from Guadeloupe in the British museum with mainland examples, and can find no difference between them. It does not appear to be recorded from others of the Antilles, and may possibly have been brought to Guadeloupe as a rat exterminator. It would be expected to occur upon other islands if its distribution had not been by artificial agency. Of course it is not improbable that the locality may not be correct.

***Herpetodryas vincenti* BOULENGER.**

BOULENGER, Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1891, p. 355.

This species, which was originally described as a variety, differs in having a greater number of ventrals and subcaudals, and in being more slender than the mainland form. The types, in the British museum, came from St. Vincent. The two specimens in the Museum from this island also show these characters.

***Uromacer catesbyi* (SCHLEGEL).**

SCHLEGEL, Essai phys. Serp., 1837, **2**, p. 226. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, **2**, p. 115.

A rare member of this peculiar genus, which is wholly confined to Haiti. Its habit, which is so strikingly like that of *Dryiophis* in the Old World and *Oxybelis* in the New, is a marvellous adaptation to arboreal life, since this snake is hardly more related to either of these genera than they are to each other. The Museum has several specimens, including three which Mr. W. M. Mann caught at Momance, Haiti.

***Uromacer frenatus* (GÜNTHER).**

GÜNTHER, Ann. mag. nat. hist., 1865, ser. 3, **5**, p. 116. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, **2**, p. 116.

Another species confined to Haiti. I had some difficulty in locating the types of Garman's *Uromacer inornatus*, which Boulenger rightly placed in the synonymy of this species. Finally, however, I found four examples which agreed exactly with Garman's description as to scale counts, so that there can

be no possible question as to the fact that these are the actual types. They had been relabeled by Garman as *Uromacer oxyrhynchus*, but they really belong with this distinct species. The specimens are No. 3,345, M. C. Z., two examples from Haiti, and No. 3,610 M. Z. C., two examples from Jeremie. Garman in his description, undoubtedly by a *lapsus calami*, credited all four specimens to Jeremie, Haiti (Proc. Amer. philos. soc., 1887, 24, p. 284). In Mr. Mann's collection there are three from Diquini, Haiti and one from Manneville.

***Uromacer oxyrhynchus* DUMÉRIL ET BIBRON.**

DUMÉRIL et BIBRON, Erpét. gén., 1854, 7, p. 722, pl. 83, fig. 1. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus. 1894, 2, p. 116.

The third and last member of this genus is, of course, also from Haiti only. The specimens in the Museum are from Santiago de la Vega, collected by Mr. A. H. Verrill; Samana, San Domingo, collected by Mr. M. A. Frazar, and Diquini from Mr. W. M. Mann. Other examples are simply labeled Haiti. There is no evidence from the material preserved here to show that the species of *Uromacer* are confined to particular ranges within the area of the island.

***Hypsirhynchus ferox* GÜNTHER.**

GÜNTHER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1858, p. 48. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, 2, p. 117, pl. 6, fig. 1.

This species was originally described as coming from Barbados, and became established in the literature as a Barbadian anomaly. Thus Wallace mentions it in the Geographical distribution of animals (2, p. 72). Boulenger, however, has shown that the type was purchased for the British museum from Hugh Cuming, and that all his collection contains only species characteristic of Haiti or San Domingo. The genus is, then, a monotypic one, confined to the island. *Hypsirhynchus scalaris* Cope, the type of which is No. 1,517, M. C. Z. was described when *H. ferox* was supposed to come from Barbados; and the distance of that island from Haiti may have suggested the supposed distinctness of the species. Cope's type appears to be slightly abnormal in that it lacks a loreal. This would not seem sufficient to establish a species when only one specimen is known which is characterized in this way.

Mr. Mann's collection contains an example from Momance, and another from Manneville. Both perfectly typical.

***Alsophis angulifer* BIBRON.**

BIBRON, Hist. Cuba. Rept., p. 222, pl. 27. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, 2, p. 120, (part).

A very common Cuban species. No. 2,195, M. C. Z., came from the Paris museum in an old exchange and is marked as a type by A. Aug. Duméril. Boulenger has considered the specimens from the Bahamas and the Cayman Islands all identical with the Cuban examples. They are separated here.

This species has been met with on my Cuban trips at every locality visited and specimens have been preserved from Pinar del Rio, Herradura, San Diego de los Baños, Havana, Manzanillo, and Cienfuegos. It is said to reach a length of over two meters but none was seen larger than four feet.

***Alsophis caymanus* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Proc. Amer. philos. soc., 1887, 24, p. 276.

This species replaces the Cuban *A. angulifer* upon the island of Grand Cayman. The type is No. 6,020, M. C. Z. It is of doubtful validity.

***Alsophis fuscicauda* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Bull. Essex inst., 1888, 20, p. 106.

Similar in its origin to the preceding, but confined to Cayman Brac. Until more material is available, it is impossible to settle definitely the status of these two species from the Cayman Islands. The type is No. 6,235, M. C. Z. This seems also little more than a color phase.

***Alsophis brooksi*, sp. nov.**

Types:— No. 7,893, M. C. Z., two specimens (lacking tails). Little Swan Island, Caribbean Sea, March, 1912, George Nelson, collector.

This form which is simply an island race of the Cuban *A. angulifer* Bibron, comparable to *A. fuscicauda* Garman from Cayman Brac and *A. caymanus* Garman from Grand Cayman differs from all of these in coloration. The entire upper surfaces in the fully adult become completely suffused with dark brown, which becomes a solid color along the middorsal region. All of the scales of both half grown and adult specimens are heavily punctulated with dark brown. In the other races they are free from this characteristic spotting. The ventral scale counts for the two specimens, 182 and 183 show that the average condition for this form is evidently above that of the other races, their highest scale count, rarely observed, is 180.

This snake is not found upon Swan Island having been probably exterminated there by either the early settlers or the cats which they brought. Named for Dr. William A. Brooks, President of the Swan Island Commerical Company who aided Mr. Nelson throughout his trip.

***Alsophis vudii* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 74. BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1904, **46**, p. 60. Amer. nat. 1907, **40**, p. 231. ROSÉN, Lunds univ. arsskrift, 1911, **7**, no. 5, p. 40.

This Bahaman ground racer, so closely allied to *A. angulifer* of Cuba, has been found so far only upon the islands of Eleuthera, New Providence, Long Island, and Green Cay. This erratic distribution suggests that it probably exists undiscovered upon many others. Thanks to Mr. Witmer Stone I have examined the type No. 3,472, Acad. nat. sci., Phila. of Cope's *Diadophis rubescens*; it belongs to this species.

***Alsophis rufiventris* (DUMÉRIL ET BIBRON).**

DUMÉRIL et BIBRON, Erpét. gén., 1854, **7**, p. 668.

Of the types of this species one was said to have come from Brazil, and the other has no locality record. Garman refers specimens from St. Kitts, Saba, and Nevis, to this species while Boulenger (Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, **2**, p. 125) adds St. Eustatius to the list of localities. He includes *Alsophis cinereus* Garman and *A. rijgersmaei* Cope, as synonyms.

***Alsophis cinereus* GARMAN.**

GARMAN, Proc. Amer. philos. soc., 1887, **24**, p. 282.

This form, which is closely related to *A. rufiventris*, but easily distinguished by having twenty-one rows of scales instead of twenty-three is found upon the islands of St. Bartholomew and Anguilla. The types are No. 6,139, M. C. Z.

***Alsophis rijgersmaei* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Amer. philos. soc., 1869, **11**, p. 154.

Cope says, "So far as yet known, this distinct species is confined to the small island of St. Martins." There are no specimens in the collection here, so that I can not verify Boulenger's placement of this species as a synonym of *A. rufiventris* (Duméril & Bibron).

***Alsophis porto-ricensis* REINHARDT & LÜTKEN.**

REINHARDT & LÜTKEN, Vid. Meddel. nat. foren Kjobenh. for 1862, 1863, p. 221. STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 700, fig. 170.

Closely related to *A. antillensis*. These species parallel in their distribution *Leimadophis stahli* and *L. exiguus*, since, like the former, this snake is confined to Porto Rico and Mona Island. *L. stahli* has not been found upon Mona, but doubtless occurs there.

***Alsophis melanichnus* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci., Phila., 1862, p. 76.

I have identified with this poorly described species a fine large male taken at Santiago de la Vega, San Domingo, by Mr. A. H. Verrill. After reading the following in Stejneger's Herpetology of Porto Rico (Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 701), I compared it carefully with his description of *A. portoricensis*. Stejneger writes:—

"The question whether Cope's *A. melanichnus*, from Haiti, is identical with the Porto Rican species can not be said to be settled yet. The scale formula seems to be the same, but it is not certain that there may not be other distinguishing features. . . . We have such startling proof of the effect of isolation working with a variable material to produce separate forms of these snakes that it is quite unwarrantable to lump the various names without incontrovertible proof."

Stejneger says the scale formula "seem to be the same" in this species and *A. portoricensis*. Cope, however, only mentioned the one fact that it had seventeen scale rows. Cope mentions No. 1,522, M. C. Z., from Jeremie, Haiti, as the type; but the specimen can not be found. Upon comparing our only specimen with Stejneger's description, or with a specimen of *A. portoricensis*, I find that the Haitian snake agrees in all characters, except in a very elongate loreal, much lower than high, and almost a rough triangle in outline, the base being anterior. It has two first temporals on each side, but these have the appearance of being the elements derived from an abnormally divided single scale. The ventral scales are 189 in number, and subcaudals 108, the anal is divided. These counts will be seen to vary from the range and average of Stejneger's forty-four specimens from Porto Rico, which was 17 rows, 169–183 (average 178) ventrals, subcaudals 112–129. This combination of characters makes it seem almost certain that the Haitian species is perfectly distinct from, but very closely related to, the Cuban *A. angulifer*, as well as *A. portoricensis*.

I am inclined to believe that Werner's *Dromicus w-nigrun* belongs with this species. It was described in 1909. (Hamb. jahrb. wiss. anst., 1909, 26, beih. 2, p. 222).

***Alsophis antillensis* (SCHLEGEL).**

SCHLEGEL, Essai phys. Serp., 1837, 2, p. 214. STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 704, fig. 171-174.

Like *Leimadophis exiguus*, this form is found upon St. Thomas, St. John, and Culebra. The specimens which Garman recorded from Haiti (Proc. Amer. philos. soc., 1887, 24, p. 282) really belong to this species; and hence it must be concluded that in some way they have gotten their locality label misplaced. The species is, of course, in all probability not found on Haiti.

***Alsophis sanctae-crucis* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 76.

This species replaces *A. antillensis*, of St. Thomas, upon St. Croix; to which island, so far as known, it is confined.

***Alsophis anomalus* (PETERS).**

PETERS, Monatsb. Akad. wiss. Berlin, 1863, p. 282. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, 2, p. 125.

A very distinct species, confined to the island of Haiti.

***Alsophis leucomelas* (DUMÉRIL ET BIBRON).**

DUMÉRIL et BIBRON, Erpét. gén., 1854, 7, p. 666. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, 2, p. 123 (part).

Originally described from Marie Galante and Guadeloupe. Boulenger adds the localities Antigua and Montserrat. No material representing this species is in the collection, so that it is impossible to say whether or not the snakes are the same on the different islands. The great variability which Boulenger speaks of is very likely due to the differences in color in specimens from the various islands. This character is often very diagnostic and unvarying among specimens from a single island.

***Alsophis sibonius* COPE.**

COPE, Proc. Amer. philos. soc., 1879, 18, p. 275.

Apparently confined to Dominica, this snake appears to warrant separation from *leucomelas* of Duméril and Bibron, with which Boulenger Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, 2, p. 124 has united it. The single specimen in the Museum agrees closely with Cope's description.

***Alsophis bruesi*, sp. nov.**

Type: — No. 7,792, M. C. Z., adult, near St. George's, Grenada, G. M. Allen and C. T. Brues, collectors. Six other specimens from the same source in the collection.

By a curious coincidence the only ground snake that either Brues or Allen obtained upon Grenada was a true *Alsophis* having scales in seventeen rows and with two distinct pores in each one. This species they found rather abundant, and they brought back seven fairly well-preserved examples. Neither Garman nor any other collector, apparently, has hitherto found this genus upon Grenada. Undoubtedly some peculiarity of habit or habitat has enabled it not only to survive in spite of the presence of the mongoose, but to become, apparently, the most abundant ophidian on the island.

Rostral much broader than high, scarcely visible from above; internasal suture a little shorter than prefrontal suture; frontal equal to its distance from end of snout, shorter than parietals, separated from preocular by only a short interspace; supraocular at its posterior margin almost equal in width to the anterior margin of frontal; nasal divided, shorter than its distance from eye; loreal a little more than twice as long as high, an almost perfect rectangle; a large preocular; two postoculars, lower smaller than upper; a large anterior temporal, with almost always a small scale intercalated above it, anteriorly. In the type this small scale has a lower position on one side so that one small temporal seems to be followed by the larger one. Two large temporals follow; nine supralabials (in all specimens), second and third in contact with labial, fourth with preocular, and slightly entering orbit; five and six in orbit; nine or ten lower labials, five in contact with anterior chin shields; anterior chin shields scarcely more than half as long as posterior; scales smooth, in seventeen rows, each with two conspicuous apical pits; ventrals 198, anal divided; subcaudals in 121 pairs. Length of body 700 mm., tail 310 mm. Color (in alcohol) above uniform olive-drab or slightly darker, below whitish or light slatey gray, with two lateral white lines on the ventrals, which may have slightly darker margins. Throat usually yellowish, the fourth scale row on each side light in color; a dark loreal band generally extending for some distance behind the eye.

Variations: — A young specimen about 400 mm. in total length has each side margined with blackish, and light lateral line covering the fourth and half of the fifth row of scales. The characteristic squamation and coloration is remarkably stable. The largest specimen, which is not as well preserved as the type, measures 760 mm. in total length, and 320 in length of tail. The range of

variation in the scale counts is shown by the following numbers taken from the cotypes: — ventrals 201, subcaudal pairs (tail imperfect); ventrals 199, subcaudal pairs 127; ventrals 194, subcaudal pairs 125; ventrals 205, subcaudal pairs 120; ventrals 205, subcaudal pairs (tail imperfect); ventrals 193, subcaudal pairs 121. In every case the anal is divided. The range then may be expressed as v. 193–205; subc. 120–127 pairs.

***Leimadophis ater* (GOSSE).**

GOSSE, Naturalist's sojourn in Jamaica, 1851, p. 228. BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, **52**, p. 300.

A snake which has been practically exterminated by the mongoose. It was formerly abundant upon Jamaica, but has not been found at all by recent collectors.

***Leimadophis callilaemus* (GOSSE).**

GOSSE, Naturalist's sojourn in Jamaica, 1851, p. 384. BARBOUR, Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, **52**, p. 300.

Another species which, though it has become rare, has not yet been quite extirpated by the mongoose. It is confined to Jamaica.

***Leimadophis andreae* REINHARDT & LÜTKIN.**

REINHARDT & LÜTKEN, Vid. meddel. nat. foren Kjöbenh. for 1862, 1863, p. 214. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, **2**, p. 140.

The rather complicated synonymy of this species seems to have been settled satisfactorily by Boulenger. The species is confined to Cuba, and is represented in the collection here by the specimens which were collected by F. Poey and which served Garman for the types of his synonymous *Dromicus cubensis* (Proc. Amer. philos. soc., 1887, **24**, p. 280). Besides these we secured a series by following ploughs on the Soledad sugar estate, near Cienfuegos. This species seems to spend much of its time burrowing under ground or hiding under stones.

***Leimadophis temporalis* (COPE).**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1860, p. 370. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, **2**, p. 143.

A well defined and apparently very uncommon Cuban species. Garman (Proc. Amer. philos. soc., 1887, **24**, p. 281) believes that this is the species figured by Jan as *Dromicus nuntius*. Boulenger, however, (*loc. cit.*, p. 181) identifies the latter species with *Urotheca lateristriga*, from Central America. Cope states that the type is in this Museum. The only specimen is No. 297. This is beyond doubt the typical specimen, although it bears no contemporary type label.

I have never found this species in the parts of Cuba where I have collected.

Leimadophis parvifrons (COPE).

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 79. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, 2, p. 141.

This species is confined to Haiti. The types are No. 3,602, M. C. Z. It was among the collection made by Mr. A. H. Verrill at Santiago de la Vega, San Domingo, and in Mr. W. M. Mann's collection there are many specimens from Diquini, St. Marc, Cape Haitien, Manneville, and Grand Riviere, Haiti.

Leimadophis cursor (LACÉPÈDE).

LACÉPÈDE, Hist. nat. quad. ovip. et serpens, 1789, 2, p. 96, 281, pl. 14. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, 2, p. 139 (part).

Apparently common upon Martinique, whence Garman recorded many specimens (Proc. Amer. philos. soc., 1887, 24, p. 280). Boulenger includes two specimens from Guadeloupe, which quite likely represent a different race.

Leimadophis boulengeri, nom. nov.

This is the *Dromicus ornatus* of Garman (Proc. Amer. philos. soc., 1887, 24, p. 281). His specific name is apparently preoccupied by *Coluber ornatus* Shaw (Zool., 1802, 3, p. 477), which evidently belongs to this genus.

The new name is given in honor of Dr. G. A. Boulenger, of the British museum, to whom I owe a vast deal for kindly hospitality and assistance.

This St. Lucia species is easily distinguishable from that of Martinique (*A. cursor*) by having fewer pairs of subcaudal scales, 85-91 as against 101-107. The types are No. 6,135, 6,136, 6,137, M. C. Z.

Leimadophis stahli STEJNEGER.

STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 695, fig. 161-166.

This species, which has formerly been confused with *A. parvifrons* (Cope) from Haiti, is related to that species, but perfectly distinct, and confined to Porto Rico.

Leimadophis exiguus (COPE).

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 79. STEJNEGER, Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 698, fig. 167-169.

This snake, closely related to the preceding, replaces it upon the islands of St. John and St. Thomas. It has recently been found upon Culebra; and, as Stejneger suggests, it probably occurs upon Vieques as well.

***Leimadophis juliae* (COPE).**

COPE, Proc. Amer. philos. soc., 1879, **18**, p. 274. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, **2**, p. 139.

A fine species, which has been found abundantly upon Dominica.

The difference in color which Garman has mentioned (Proc. Amer. phil. soc., 1887, **24**, p. 281) is very conspicuous in specimens from this island and Marie Galante, and there seems to be no reason why, if this is found to be the case in large series, the Marie Galante species should not be considered a valid race. It may be called

***Leimadophis mariae*, sp. nov.**

The types are No. 6,138, M. C. Z. The characters have already been given by Garman.

***Leimadophis perfuscus* (COPE).**

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 77. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, **2**, p. 133.

A well-defined species confined to Barbados.

***Leimadophis melanotus* (SHAW).**

SHAW, Zoology, 1802, **3**, p. 534. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, **2**, p. 134.

This mainland species has been recorded from Grenada by Garman (Proc. Amer. philos. soc., 1887, **24**, p. 282).

Allen did not obtain a single specimen, and it has probably gone the way of most of the ground-inhabiting ophidians of the island.

Boulenger includes within this species specimens from Colombia, Venezuela, Trinidad, and Tobago.

***Urotheca dumerilii* BIBRON.**

BIBRON, Sagra's Hist. Cuba. Rept., 1843, p. 218, pl. 24. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, **2**, p. 181.

This snake is of peculiar interest if it is really the only Antillean species existing on the Central American mainland. Neither Gundlach, Charles Wright, nor any recent collector has succeeded in finding this species upon Cuba. As with so many of the Cuban species sent to Paris by Sagra, it may really be confined to the Central American mainland. The only specimen of the species in this Museum was one sent by A. Aug. Dumeril from the Paris museum. It was said to be a "type" in the loose sense in which the word was then employed and may really represent one of the original series which probably did not come from Cuba.

Arrhyton taeniatum GÜNTHER.

GÜNTHER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1858, p. 244. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, 2, p. 252.

This was the first known species of this remarkable genus peculiar to Cuba. In 1894, only the type was preserved in the British museum, and it still seems to be extremely rare. In January, 1913, I procured a fine example from near Cojimar, not far from Havana.

Arrhyton vittatum (GUNDLACH AND PETERS).

GUNDLACH & PETERS, Monatsb. Akad. wiss. Berlin, 1861, p. 1002. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, 2, p. 252.

Another rare Cuban species. The collection contains a typical example from Soledad, near Cienfuegos, Cuba. It was given me by Mr. R. M. Grey, who caught it in the Harvard Botanical Experiment Station. Mr. Barnum Brown caught another example near the Rio Analla, Cuba, which is now in this Museum.

Arrhyton redimitum (COPE).

COPE, Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila., 1862, p. 81. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1894, 2, p. 252.

Apparently equally as rare as the preceding species. Also Cuban. I am rather inclined to believe that these three species may in reality all represent one variable form and be referable to a single species. Much more material is needed to settle this point.

Clelia cloelia (DAUDIN).

DAUDIN, Hist. nat. rept., 1803, 6, p. 330, pl. 78. BOULENGER, Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1896, 3, p. 108. *Oxyrhopus plumbeus* WAGLER. GÜNTHER. GARMAN, Proc. Amer. philos. soc., 1887, 24, p. 285.

The specimens upon which Garman based his record for *Oxyrhopus plumbeus* Wagl., Günther are in excellent preservation. No special comment upon them is necessary. Allen obtained no specimens, and did not even hear of the species, from which we may assume that it has either grown very rare or become extinct. Garman's example seems to be the only one known from Grenada; he had two others, also fully adult, from St. Lucia. Boulenger (Cat. snakes Brit. mus., 1896, 3, p. 109) records specimens in the British museum from St. Lucia and Dominica. As is well known, this is a wide-ranging species, occurring through tropical America from about the City of Mexico to southern Brazil. In first recording these specimens from Dominica Boulenger (Proc. Zool. soc. London, 1891, p. 352), remarked that they were "hitherto recorded only from Trinidad in the West Indies." Garman's West Indian records were published some years earlier.

Fitzinger's name *Clelia*, based on this very species of Daudin, antedates the name *Oxyrhopus* of Wagler, in common use, by four years.

***Pseudoboa neuweidii* (DUMÉRIL ET BIBRON).**

DUMÉRIL et BIBRON, *Erpét. gén.*, 1854, **7**, p. 1001. BOULENGER, *Cat. snakes Brit. mus.*, 1896, **3**, p. 112. *Scytale coronatum* SCHNEIDER. DUMÉRIL et BIBRON. GARMAN, *Proc. Amer. philos. soc.*, 1887, **24**, p. 285.

I have followed Boulenger (*loc. cit.*) in using this name for the three small snakes (No. 4511, M. C. Z.), from Grenada which Garman collected and recorded. They agree perfectly with Boulenger's description of *neuweidii*, while they may be distinguished at once from Schneider's species, *coronatus*, in that they have each nineteen and not seventeen rows of scales. The original *neuweidii* of Duméril and Bibron was apparently a composite species, and it has been divided by Boulenger into the above form and *O. guerini* Duméril and Bibron. There is no material at hand by which to verify this separation, but from Boulenger's descriptions this solution of the question would seem to be excellent.

The species has been taken only this once in Grenada, so far as I can find published record. It is probably the same species as that recorded from Trinidad by Mole and Ulrich (*Journ. Trinidad field nat. club*, 1894, **2**, p. 86) as *Scytale coronatum* Schneider. It seems to be confined to these islands, besides being widespread on the mainland. Its occurrence is to be expected on Tobago. The fact that neither Allen nor Brues found or heard of it in Grenada last year would suggest that it has probably been exterminated by the mongoose.

I believe with Stejneger that the possession of undivided subcaudals is a character of sufficient importance to warrant our separating these species generically from *Clelia* (*Oxyrhopus auct.*). Stejneger has shown that *Pseudoboa* is an available name for these species (*Proc. U. S. nat. mus.*, 1902, **24**, p. 187-188).

***Ialtris dorsalis* GÜNTHER.**

GÜNTHER, *Cat. snakes Brit. mus.*, 1858, p. 126. BOULENGER, *Cat. snakes Brit. mus.*, 1896, **3**, p. 137.

The only specimens in the collection are the two from Jeremie, Haiti, collected by Dr. D. F. Weinland, which served Cope as types for his *I. vultuosa* (*Proc. Acad. nat. sci. Phila.*, 1862, p. 73). They are No. 3,600, M. C. Z., although Cope in the original description gave them as No. 1,519, M. C. Z. This was the number from the old catalogue, which was long since discontinued, unfortunately giving rise to confusion of numbers, and making the identification of some of the early types a matter of difficulty.

***Lachesis lanceolatus* (LACÉPÈDE).**

LACÉPÈDE, Hist. nat. quad. ovip. et serpens., 1789, 2, p. 98, 119, pl. 4, fig. 1.

There has long been question as to the real distribution and occurrence of the "Fer-de-Lance" in the West Indies. It is probably at present confined to the islands of Martinique and St. Lucia. Labat, in his *Nouveau voyage aux Isles de l'Amerique* (La Haye, 1722, 1, p. 429) makes it quite clear that he knew this snake well. He says, after remarking on the venomous character of a snake which he killed in his hen-roost one morning:—"Pour peu qu'on soit fait au pays on distingue aisément la couleuvre d'avec le serpent, parce que la couleuvre a la tête longue et ronde comme une aiguille, & que le serpent l'a plate, & presque triangular." This quotation, showing that the good Father was quite sound in his identification, was followed later in his narrative (4, p. 105) by the following interesting statement:—"On n'en voit (des serpents viperes) dans toutes les Antilles qu'à la Martinique, Sainte Alonsie où Lucie & à Bequia, qui est un des Grenadins, qu'on appelle a cause de cela, la petite Martinique. . . . On ne voit dans les autres Isles que des couleuvres qui ne sont point venimeuses, & qui même sont utiles, en ce qu'elles font la guerre aux rats. Eiles [sic] sont rares à la Guadeloupe, et même fort petites." In connection with these quotations, we may well observe also what Symington Grieve says in his *Notes upon the island of Dominica* (London, 1906, p. 63-64):—"Of snakes there are at least three kinds, one of which — the tetché — grows to a large size; and I was told of specimens of from fourteen to twenty feet in length. But the usual size, of which I saw several, and killed one, was about six or seven feet. The other two varieties I saw were quite small, and none of the snakes on Dominica are believed to be poisonous." So much then for the occurrence of this extremely well-known and conspicuous species upon Guadeloupe and Dominica. Yet Boulenger (*loc. cit.*) in his *Catalogue* records specimens in the British museum from both these islands. Were they like so many other specimens recorded from this region, caught upon one island, but shipped to the Museum from another? As for the occurrence in the Grenadines which Labat mentions, it can only be said that the species does not apparently exist there now; while the names of Bequia and Petit Martinique are used for two different islands.

Regarding the identity of the West Indian Fer-de-Lance with that of the mainland, the characters which Garman gives for his *L. caribbaeus* (Garman) from St. Lucia do not seem distinctive. Yet there can be no possible doubt but that St. Lucia specimens (Types No. 4,812, M. C. Z., and in British museum) range lower in scale rows — twenty-five to twenty-seven rows in five specimens —

than do those from Martinique, twenty-nine to thirty-three rows in six specimens. Thus apparently the Dominican specimen recorded by Boulenger probably came from St. Lucia (having twenty-seven rows), and the Guadeloupe specimen from Martinique (having thirty-three rows), which is exactly what one would expect from the fact that the pairs of islands are respectively British and French.

While it is quite possible that the study of a large series of St. Lucian examples would firmly establish the fact that there was a peculiar species upon the island for which Garman's name is available, it is quite impossible to recognize this race, and then to identify the snakes from Martinique with those of the mainland. This would convey an entirely false impression, as to their origin and relationship. The individuals on both islands are all derived from the *lanceolatus* stock, which is widespread upon the mainland. Until more material is available, it is impossible to attack this problem satisfactorily. We can not, however, recognize a peculiar form which divides the range of the widespread species. This would be contrary to what we hold to be a zoögeographic law.

Since the preceding lines were written, I find that Mr. A. E. Brown has recorded the scale counts for two specimens which were once brought alive to the Philadelphia Zoological gardens, and which were said to have come from Martinique. In these the scale rows were twenty-five in number. This fact, coupled with the long known and singularly frequent inaccuracy of locality data accompanying living specimens, which are shipped about from place to place until they reach their final destination, is enough in itself to make it appear very probable that these were really St. Lucian specimens.

***Chrysemys palustris* (GMELIN).**

GMELIN, Syst. nat., 1788, **1**, p. 1041.

Chrysemys var. *rugosa* (SHAW). BOULENGER, Cat. chelonians, etc., Brit. mus., 1889, p. 79.

Chrysemys scripta palustris GM. SIEBENROCK, Zool. jahrb. Suppl. 1909, **10**, p. 464.

This somewhat variable form is the only fresh water tortoise occurring in the West Indian area. I have followed Stejneger (Rept. U. S. nat. mus. for 1902, 1904, p. 710) in ranking this form as a full species. There are specimens at hand from Jamaica (type locality), Cuba, Haiti, and Porto Rico. They do not, however, vary in such a way as to warrant the designation of varieties confined to each island. Stejneger and I (Bull. M. C. Z., 1910, **52**, p. 301) had both expected that such subspecies might be defined. As yet, however, the material available for study is very meagre. The species is very shy, and is usually confined to lowland muddy ponds.

Siebenrock (*loc. cit.*) follows Boulenger (*loc. cit.*) in recording the species

from both Guadeloupe and Martinique. There is no reason whatever for supposing that the species occurs on either of these islands. This tortoise was reported by Maynard as occurring on Grand Cayman Island, probably by importation from Cuba. It has not been found by more recent collectors. It is common in most fresh water ponds all over Cuba and Jamaica. It frequently finds its way into the Cuban markets.

***Crocodilus rhombifer* CUVIER.**

CUVIER, Ann. Mus. hist. nat., 1807, **10**, p. 51. BOULENGER, Cat. chelonians Brit. mus., 1889, p. 237.

This species is confined to Cuba, whence the Museum has several specimens. It is locally known as "Cocodrilo." It is very closely related to *Crocodilus moreletii*, A. Dumeril of Guatemala and Honduras,—a rare species from which the Cuban form has doubtless been derived. Quoting from the field notes of Mr. C. J. Maynard, Garman (Bull. Essex inst., 1888, **20**, p. 108) records the following in writing of the herpetology of Little Cayman Island:—"Two species of crocodile have been taken on this island, and one on Cayman Brac. I saw but a portion of one specimen. The natives assured me the species were similar to those found in Cuba." The species referred to are doubtless this and the succeeding. Whether they are resident in the Cayman group, or whether they only reach the islands occasionally by swimming would be well worth ascertaining definitely. As yet no answer to this question can be given.

This crocodile is apparently entirely confined to the submerged regions of the Cienaga de Zapata and the Cienaga of the Isla de Pinos. I found it abundant in 1913 about the Laguna de Punta Gorda not far from where the Rio Hanabana enters the great swamp. The three which I killed were from five to seven feet long, but it grows much larger. In the Museum of the Institute of Secondary Education in Havana there is an enormously massive skull taken by Gundlach from a specimen nearly seventeen feet long. This species is very aquatic living in the floating vegetation and half floating reed beds of the "tembladera" in the Cienaga. In the region which I visited the swamp had a hard firm substratum upon which was overlaid from two to five feet of very soft liquid mud and on the surface of this half afloat were the great reed beds with more open areas of stagnant water and lily pads of several sorts. This region supported an enormous population of water fowl and waders as well as the crocodiles, which hide among the roots of the cat tails when disturbed, or sun themselves upon the floating beds of matted lily pads and water plants.

***Crocodylus americanus* LAURENTI.**

LAURENTI, Syn. rept., 1768, p. 54. BOULENGER, Cat. chelonians, Brit. mus., 1889, p. 281.

This is the most common crocodilian of the West Indian region. It was formerly abundant in Jamaica, though now it is largely restricted to the swampy deltas about the mouths of the Milk River and Black River. It occurs in a few other favorable localities, but is rare everywhere. It is generally called the "alligator," but the name of "crocodile" is also quite widespread. In Cuba it is more common, and occurs widely distributed in suitable localities. It is generally known to the natives as Caiman, in contradistinction to "Cocodrilo," a name used for the other Cuban crocodile (*C. rhombifer* Cuvier). In Haiti it is said to be common, but of its occurrence in either Haiti or San Domingo practically nothing is known. Outside of the Greater Antillean region it ranges through Mexico, Central America to the Pacific coast region of Ecuador. In Florida, whence it was first made known by Jeffries Wyman (Amer. journ. sci. arts., 1870, 49, p. 105-106), it is now very rare. Its persecution by local hunters has practically exterminated it about Biscayne Bay, and left but few individuals about Cape Sable and among the northern Keys.

There are specimens in the Museum from Florida, Cuba, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Honduras, Nicaragua, and from both sides of the Isthmus of Panama.

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REPTILIA	Swan Island.	Great Bahama.	Great Abaco.	Little Abaco.	Eleuthera.	New Providence.	Andros Island.	Cat Island.	Watling's Island.	Rum Cay.	Long Island.	Crooked Island.	Turk's Island.	Great Inagua.	Cuba.	Grand Cayman.	Little Cayman.	Cayman Brac.	Jamaica.	Haiti & San Domingo.
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Sphaerodactylus torrei Barbour	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕	.	.	.	.	+
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Sphaerodactylus nigropunctatus Gray	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.
Sphaerodactylus decoratus Garman	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	⊕	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sphaerodactylus flavicaudus Barbour	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sphaerodactylus alopecurus Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕
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Sphaerodactylus argus Gosse	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕	+	.
Sphaerodactylus argivus Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕	.	.	.
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Sphaerodactylus difficilis Barbour	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕
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Sphaerodactylus goniorhynchus Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-	.
Sphaerodactylus gilvitorques Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.
Sphaerodactylus copii Steindachner	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sphaerodactylus microlepis Reinhardt & Lütken	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sphaerodactylus pictus Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sphaerodactylus vincenti Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sphaerodactylus melanospilus Bocourt	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sphaerodactylus richardsonii Gray	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.
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Sphaerodactylus grandisquamis Stejneger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sphaerodactylus monensis Meerwarth	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sphaerodactylus macrolepis Reinhardt & Lütken	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sphaerodactylus sputator (Sparrman)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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Xiphocercus valenciennesii (Duméril & Bibron)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	†	.
Anolis equestris Merrem	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	†	.	.	.	.	.
Anolis garmani Stejneger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.
Anolis ricordii Duméril & Bibron	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anolis cuvieri Merrem	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anolis gundlachi Peters	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anolis monensis Stejneger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anolis cristatellus Duméril & Bibron	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+
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<i>Anolis asper</i> Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis speciosus</i> Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis lividus</i> Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis sabanus</i> Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis nubilus</i> Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis leachii</i> Duméril & Bibron	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis cepedii</i> Merrem	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis griseus</i> Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis vincentii</i> Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis luciae</i> Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis extremus</i> Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis marmoratus</i> Duméril & Bibron	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis bimaculatus</i> (Sparman)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis richardii</i> Duméril & Bibron	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis trossulus</i> Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis trinitatis</i> Reinhardt & Lütken	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis grahamii</i> Gray	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.
<i>Anolis opalinus</i> Gosse	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.
<i>Anolis iodurus</i> Gosse	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.
<i>Anolis conspersus</i> Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis distichus</i> Cope	.	.	-	.	.	+	.	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕	.	.	.	⊕
<i>Anolis distichoides</i> Rosén	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis cybotes</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕
<i>Anolis haetianus</i> Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕
<i>Anolis citrinellus</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+
<i>Anolis poncensis</i> Stejneger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis evermanni</i> Stejneger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis krugi</i> Peters	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis acutus</i> Hallowell	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis isolepis</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis lucius</i> Duméril & Bibron	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis argenteolus</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis wattsi</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis lineatopus</i> Gray	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis sagrei</i> Duméril & Bibron	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	+	.
<i>Anolis ordinatus</i> Cope	.	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	.	+	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	+	.
<i>Anolis nelsoni</i> Barbour	⊕	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis greyi</i> Barbour	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis bremeri</i> Barbour	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis luteosignifer</i> Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕	.	.	.
<i>Anolis vermiculatus</i> Duméril & Bibron	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis loysiana</i> Cocteau	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis argillaceus</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis semilineatus</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis spectrum</i> Peters	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis cyanopleurus</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis alutaceus</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis augusticeps</i> Hallowell	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis porcatus</i> Gray	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Anolis maynardi</i> Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕	.	.	.
<i>Anolis brunneus</i> Cope	.	.	-	.	+	+	-	.	.	.	.	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

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REPTILIA	Swan Island.	Great Bahama.	Great Abaco.	Little Abaco.	Eleuthera.	New Providence.	Andros Island.	Cat Island.	Watling's Island.	Rum Cay.	Long Island.	Crooked Island.	Turk's Island.	Great Inagua.	Cuba.	Grand Cayman.	Little Cayman.	Cayman Bræ.	Jamaica.	Haiti & San Domingo
<i>Anolis oligaspis</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	—	?	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕	.	.	.	.	.	+
<i>Anolis leucophaeus</i> Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+
<i>Anolis chlorocyanus</i> Duméril & Bibron	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+
<i>Anolis pulchellus</i> Duméril & Bibron	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+
<i>Norops ophiolepis</i> (Cope)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Iguana rhinolopha</i> Wiegmann	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Iguana delicatissima</i> Laurenti	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Cyclura cyclura</i> (Cuvier)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Cyclura collei</i> Gray	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Cyclura baecolopha</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	—	.
<i>Cyclura rileyi</i> Stejneger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Cyclura cornuta</i> (Bonnaterre)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+
<i>Cyclura carinata</i> Harlan	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Leiocephalus carinatus</i> Gray	.	+	+	.	.	+	+	—	.	.	.	—	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Leiocephalus virescens</i> Stejneger ¹	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕	.	.	.	.
<i>Leiocephalus varius</i> Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Leiocephalus loxogrammus</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	—	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Leiocephalus vittatus</i> (Hallowell)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	?
<i>Leiocephalus macropus</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Leiocephalus schreibersii</i> (Gravenhorst)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	+
<i>Leiocephalus melanochlorus</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕
<i>Leiocephalus personatus</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕
<i>Leiocephalus eremitus</i> Cope ²	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕
<i>Leiocephalus herminieri</i> (Duméril & Bibron)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Celestus sagrae</i> Cocteau	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Celestus sepoides</i> (Gray)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	—
<i>Celestus pleii</i> Duméril & Bibron	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Celestus impressus</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.
<i>Celestus occiduus</i> (Shaw)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	+
<i>Celestus rugosus</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	—
<i>Celestus cruscus</i> (Garman)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕	.
<i>Celestus maculatus</i> (Garman)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕	.	.
<i>Celestus costatus</i> (Cope)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕
<i>Cricosaura typica</i> Gundlach & Peters	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Centropyx intermedius</i> Gray	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ameiva auberi</i> Cocteau	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ameiva dorsalis</i> Gray	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.
<i>Ameiva thoracica</i> Cope	.	.	—	.	—	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ameiva chrysolaema</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+
<i>Ameiva taeniura</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕
<i>Ameiva vittipunctata</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+
<i>Ameiva maynardi</i> Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	⊕	.	.	.	.	.	+

¹ Found on Green Cay, south of New Providence

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REPTILIA	Swan Island.	Great Bahamas.	Great Abaco.	Little Abaco.	Eleuthera.	New Providence.	Andros Island.	Cat Island.	Watling's Island.	Rum Cay.	Long Island.	Crooked Island.	Turk's Island.	Great Inagua.	Cuba.	Grand Cayman.	Little Cayman.	Cayman Brac.	Jamaica.
<i>Ameiva exul</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ameiva alboguttata</i> Boulenger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ameiva lineolata</i> Duméril & Bibron	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ameiva polops</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ameiva wetmorei</i> Stejneger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ameiva corvina</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ameiva atrata</i> Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ameiva analifera</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ameiva garmani</i> Barbour	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ameiva erythropros</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ameiva erythrocephala</i> (Daudin)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ameiva pleii</i> Duméril & Bibron	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ameiva pluvianotata</i> Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ameiva fuscata</i> Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Ameiva aquilina</i> Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Tiaporus fuliginosus</i> Cope	?	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Scolecossaurus alleni</i> Barbour	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Scolecossaurus trinitatis</i> Barbour ¹	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Gymnophthalmus pleii</i> Bocourt	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Amphisbaena punctata</i> Bell	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.
<i>Amphisbaena cubana</i> Peters	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.
<i>Amphisbaena innocens</i> Weinland	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Amphisbaena manni</i> Barbour	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Amphisbaena caeca</i> Cuvier	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Amphisbaena bakeri</i> Stejneger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Amphisbaena fenestrata</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Mabuya spilonota</i> Wiegmann	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+
<i>Mabuya sloanii</i> (Daudin)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Mabuya maboia</i> Duméril & Bibron	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Mabuya lanceolata</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Mabuya dominicana</i> Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Mabuya luciae</i> Garman	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Mabuya aenea</i> Gray	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Typhlops lumbricalis</i> Linné	.	.	+	.	.	-	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	+
<i>Typhlops pusillus</i> Barbour	.	.	.	.	.	.	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Typhlops tenuis</i> Salvin	.	.	.	.	.	.	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Typhlops rostellatus</i> Stejneger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Typhlops platycephalus</i> Duméril & Bibron	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Typhlops dominicana</i> Stejneger	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Leptotyphlops albifrons</i> (Wagler)	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Leptotyphlops bilineata</i> (Schlegel)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Epicrates subflavus</i> Stejneger	.	.	.	.	.	+	+	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-
<i>Epicrates striatus</i> (Fischer)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

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<i>Epicrates monensis</i> Zenneck	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.
<i>Epicrates chrysogaster</i> Cope	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Epicrates fordii</i> Günther	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Epicrates inornatus</i> (Reinhardt)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Epicrates gracilis</i> (Fischer)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Epicrates angulifer</i> Bibron	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	+	.	.	.	.	.	.
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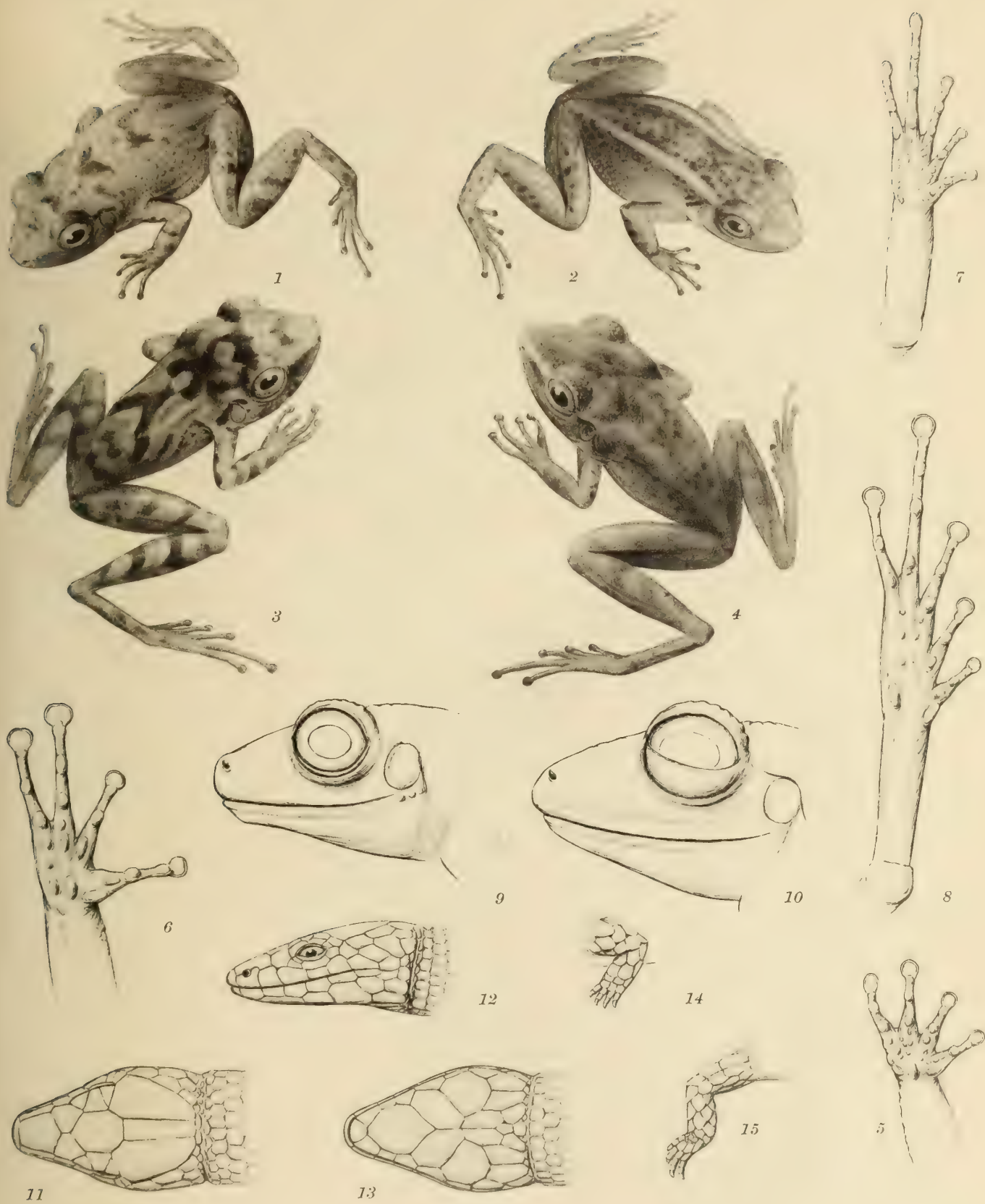
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